

THE LORD IS HERE

Epiphany of the Lord



Inglewood First UMC

January 1 @ 10:00 am / Facebook
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OPENING SONG

“Reach Out”

Inglewood First UMC
Michael Wright & Nell Walker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Lesa Smith
Grace UMC & Inglewood First UMC

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

Glory to God in the highest.

Darkness covers the earth,

but God’s glory shines brightly.

Lift up your eyes. Look around.

The light of God’s love shines radiantly.

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

Our hearts thrill and rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Grace UMC & Inglewood First UMC

Let us pray:

God of light and love, shine upon our lives,

as we welcome the mystery of your love.

Guide us toward your true gift,

for our hearts long

*to encounter with the holy.
Quiet our expectations,
that we might be surprised by the unexpected.
Open our eyes,
that we might find you in unanticipated places.
Shine your light upon us,
that we might see you clearly,
and recognize your face
in all people. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life,[a] and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

MESSAGE

“Light in the Darkness”

Bishop Grant Hagiya

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin &
Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

“Total Praise”

Grace UMC of Los Angeles
Grace UMC Mass Choir