

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We Love Jesus by Serving Others*  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021, Traditional Worship  
Far Hills Campus, 10:30 AM (Livestreamed)

## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Jay Shailer
Assisting Minister:	Sandy Houpt
Organist:	John Benjamin
Cantor:	Kathleen Wilson
Sound:	Ed Wasser
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Jim Lehman, John Venis
Communion Servers:	Felicity Glass, Bob & Cindy Hess, Mary Moenter, Barb Parisi

## GATHER

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**PRE-SERVICE:** *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS* (arr. Paul Manz)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS* (arr. Paul Manz)

*(Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*At this time, please share the peace with those around you. Also, please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshiping with us!*

## OPENING HYMN: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

#660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

(continued)



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

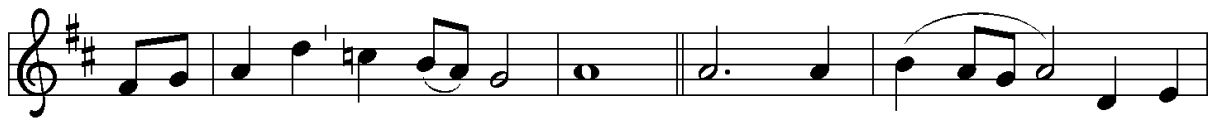


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### WORD

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### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: PSALM 116** (sung to *WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*)

1 How I love you, Lord, Creator; how you comfort and forgive.  
I will call on you for mercy all the days that I should live.  
Though the snares of hell surround me, though my death is drawing nigh,  
Still I call to you for mercy: Lord, please save me, or I'll die.

2 O how gracious is your mercy; O how warm and wonderful.  
There, when I was lost, you found me; there, you satisfied my soul.  
You have kept me from destruction; you have conquered all my fears.  
You have kept my feet from stumbling; you have wiped away my tears.

3 Now, what shall I give to you, Lord? I could never do the same.  
I will lift the cup of blessing; I'll bring healing in your name.  
I will pay my vows today, Lord, with my blessed family;  
Leave an offering of thanksgiving, thanks for all you've done for me.

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**SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING: MARK 8:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

## SERMON

(Please stand as you are able)

**HYMN OF THE DAY: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

#798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## APOSTLES' CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please kneel or be seated)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(after each petition...)*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Please be seated)*

## MEAL

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**OFFERING:** *HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING* (Jeffrey Honore)

*Epiphany Chorale*

*1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.*

*4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899



(Please stand as you are able)

**OFFERTORY: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE**

#712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

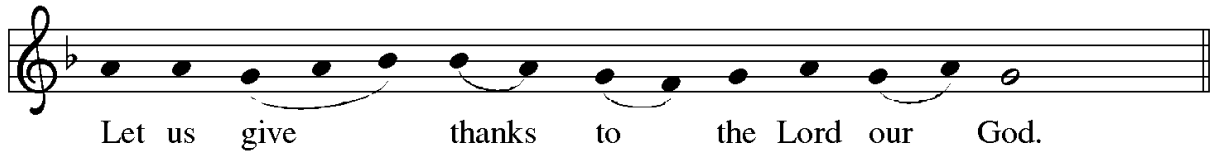
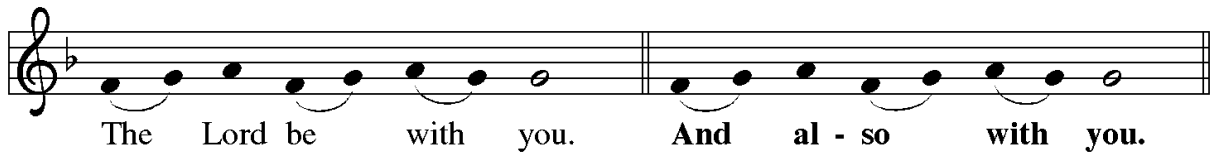
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**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

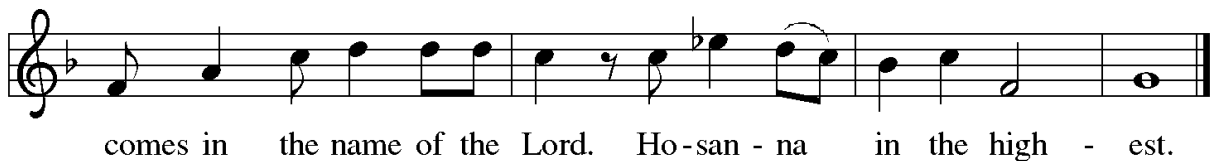
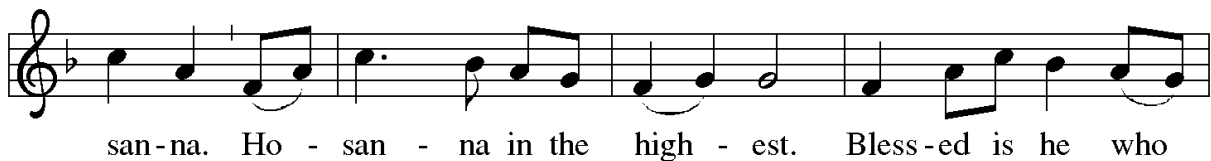
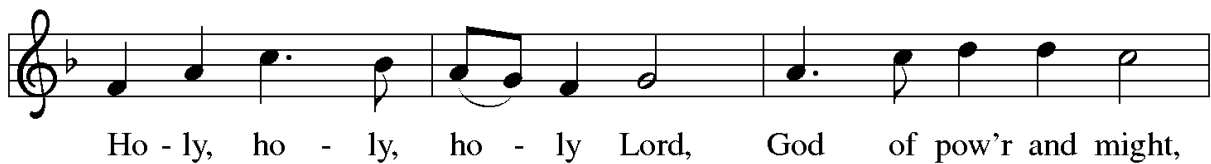
**C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Homebound List and Communion: If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.*



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

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(Please stand as you are able)

## SEND

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### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN: PRAISE AND THANKS AND ADORATION

#783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551  
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### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE: FREU DICH SEHR (arr. David Johnson)

Please take a moment to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed.  
The livestream will continue for a few minutes to allow for your interaction.

## PARISH NOTES

**Sympathy to** Kelly Lenz and family on the death of Scott Lenz, whose memorial service will take place tomorrow, September 13 at 11 a.m. in the Far Hills Sanctuary; also, to Bill Serr on the death of his mother.

**Recently hospitalized:** Stephen Spitler

**Flowers** in the Far Hills Sanctuary are given by Todd and Barb Holmes in memory of in memory of Scott Lenz; and in the Far Hills Outdoor Chapel by Lon and Therese Molnar in honor of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The white rose on the altar** is placed in celebration of the birth of Owen Anderson, grandson of Don and Judy Clark.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response**

If you would like to make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response, you can give online, designating where you'd like the gift to be applied, or by check, with LDR and the designation in the memo line. Rest assured that 100% of your contribution will go to relief efforts.

### **Children's Christmas Musical Auditions This Month at Far Hills Campus**

**Wednesday, September 22 | 6-8 PM**

**Saturday, September 25 | 10 AM - Noon**

Epiphany Players Drama Ministry is pleased to announce its 2021 Christmas Musical, Dr. Newheart's Christmas Cure, which will be directed by Jackie (Darnell) Randall and presented during worship December 11-12 in the Far Hills Celebration Center. Participation is open to anyone in grades 1-8! Questions? Contact [drama@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:drama@epiphanydayton.org).

### **Community Blood Drive in Far Hills Celebration Center**

**Saturday, September 25 | 8 AM-Noon**

Schedule an appointment at [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com) – enter code: 46

### **Serve with Us in Worship**

With more opportunities for in-person worship, now is a great time to use your gifts for serving within our worshipping community. Thank you for the gift of your time and your commitment to Epiphany. Learn more and sign up at [epiphanydayton.org/serve-in-worship/](http://epiphanydayton.org/serve-in-worship/)

### **Give Altar Flowers, Eternal Flame**

Give altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones, and you may also light the Eternal Flame in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$10 to light the flame. Give online or by check made out to Epiphany with altar flowers or eternal flame noted in the memo. Please contact Natalie Heimann ([nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org)).

**Let Us Pray for You!** We want to know when you're hospitalized or when you have a life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. Contact Pastor Jay (937-750-2333). Prayer requests can also be sent to [nheimann@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

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