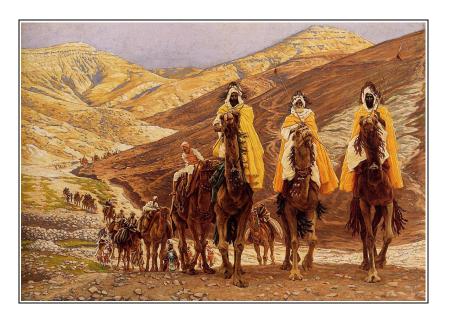
Shalom Mennonite Church January 5, 2014 Epiphany: God's radical process of inclusion		Let us confess our unwillingness to share Christ with those of other nations, tribes, races, families, social classes and denominations. (pause) The Advent wreath reminds us that our light has come. In this light, we celebrate forgiveness: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!		
Epistle Reading		Ephesians 3: 1-12		
		Children's time		Sarah and David Kaufman
Welcome & Special Announcements	Brad Born	New Testament Readi	ng	Matthew 2: 1-12
Inviting the Mystery	<b>Quiet Reflection</b> <i>The periods of silence will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.</i>			
<b>Gathering Music &amp; Procession</b> We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth. May we trust the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives together with God as we begin our time of worship.		Celebrating the Mystery		
		Meditation	"By another road"	Rob Burdette
Welcome and prayer		Quiet Reflection		
Call to worship Come as fellow heirs of the living God! Let us awake to the marvel that in Christ we are one. Oh, the mystery of God's dwelling in our diversity! Our hearts thrill and rejoice as we open with the house of the Lord!		Hymn of Response HWB 322For we are strangers no more		
		<b>Offertory and Prayer</b> <b>Sharing Time and Introductions</b> During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, and share prayer concerns and joys. Please sign the		
Engaging the Mystery		Prayers of the People		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Sending Song STJ 54		Longing for light
<b>Confession and engaging the Advent wreath</b> Lift up your eyes and look. There is no partiality in Christ. How might we let all people in on this mystery? (pause)		The good new o <i>There is light!</i>	been made known! f Jesus Christ is for all.	on on the cound beach
		Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.		

This imaginative reflection on the magi is not too far from Matthew's own intent. In the persons of the magi Matthew was anticipating the Gentile Christians of his own community. Although these had as their birthright only the revelation of God in nature, they had been attracted to Jesus; and when instructed in the scripture of the Jews, they had come to believe in and pay homage to the Messiah.

- Raymond E. Brown

## **Epiphany:** God's radical process of inclusion



Sunday, January 5, 2014

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen; Chuck & Cindy Regier Musicians: Martha Unruh Szambecki, Mark Schmidt Andres Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker Sound and Closing: Brett Prothro Bulletin cover: James Jacques Joseph Tissot, *Journey of the Magi* 

Pastor: Sara Dick Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

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