

REFLECTION FOR EPIPHANY

Let us reflect on God's light. Light was part of the creation of the world (*Genesis 1:3-4*) and a metaphor for God's faithfulness and deliverance (*Isaiah 9:2*). The early Christians knew themselves as living in God's light (*1 Thessalonians 5:4-5*; *Ephesians 5:8-9*). As the Gospels were written, the faithful remembered Jesus' words (*Matthew 5:15-17*; *Luke 11:33-36*; *John 1:4-5, 8:12, 12:44-47*). The later letters to Christian congregations reminded them to walk in the light (*1 John 1:5-7*).

(We wrote down a way each of us can be "light for the world" this year and took the card home to see it daily. Then we wrote down a way Seekers Church can be "light for the world" this year.) ***We can:***

- ...share our good word with the larger community around us.
- ...continue to do what we love and know how to do, to ask deep questions.
- ...keep our invitation open to all who want community in Christ.
- ...advocate for immigrants, both documented and undocumented.
- ...support our ties with the other Church of the Saviour communities.
- ...affirm and embrace our newer members.
- ...be boldly committed to sustainable consumption and stewardship of natural resources, and embrace with joy any inconvenience that this entails.
- ...encourage others as they need it, and offer mental health support when needed.
- ...continue to preach.
- ...speak truth to power.
- ...take risks (financial, legal, other) to act on our work.
- ...let our little light shine in ways that work for peace and justice.
- ...be a caring/sharing church with space, time, and money.
- ...be a model for spiritual community.
- ...loving one another, and thus be a model for the healing of the world.
- ...be a place of creative, inclusive, and grounded theology where those who seek a way to follow Christ can find a place of belonging.
- ...find creative ways to be in solidarity with those who are disenfranchised by our society's structures.
- ...welcome and provide community for newcomers, and speak out on behalf of justice, the environment, and immigrants.