



EPIPHANY III  
01.22.2023  
Following the Light

**Orientation – Amy Sens**

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**“I believe there's a calling for all of us. I know that every human being has value and purpose. The real work of our lives is to become aware. And awakened. To answer the call.”**

**– Oprah Winfrey**

**Song – Light Bright – Matt Duncan – The Band**

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Deep in the center of my island  
Underneath the sand and snow  
I been working on a dream so dim  
It's just a shadow of a glow

What's coming round is always going  
Start moving counter to the flow  
When I see wheel is slowing  
Well I guess that's when I'll know

Overhead it's only starlight  
The moon is nervous, moon is new  
A little mystery is alright  
All I ask's a little clue

Light bright, sunshine undercover  
Light bright, burning through the night  
Light bright, sunshine undercover  
Light bright, wanna do it right

Light bright, sunshine undercover  
Light bright, burning through the night  
Light bright, sunshine undercover  
Light bright, wanna do it right

Wanna do it right  
Wanna do it right

Out in the corner of my vision  
I saw a place I thought I knew  
It's just a message from a world gone by  
Just exactly out of view

Light bright, sunshine undercover  
Light bright, burning through the night  
Light bright, sunshine undercover  
Light bright, wanna do it right  
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**Community Welcome – Tyler Knight and Jeffrey San Filippo**

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**Children's Sermon**

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**God Be In My Head**

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God be in my head  
God be in my words  
God be in my heart

God be in my hands  
God be in my whole self

## Kid's Time Downstairs

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### Peace – Vaughn Vigil

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#### Reading One – Dangerous Life by Lucia Perillo

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I quit med school when I found out the stiff they gave me  
had book 9 of *Paradise Lost* and the lyrics  
to “Louie Louie” tattooed on her thighs.

That morning as the wind was mowing  
little ladies on a street below, I touched a Bunsen burner  
to the Girl Scout sash whose badges were the measure of my worth:

Careers . . .  
*Cookery, Seamstress . . .*  
*and Baby Maker.* . . all gone up in smoke.

But I kept the merit badge marked Dangerous Life,  
for which, if you remember, the girls were taken to the woods  
and taught the mechanics of fire,

around which they had us dance with pointed sticks  
lashed into crucifixes that we'd wrapped with yarn and wore  
on lanyards round our necks, calling them our “Eyes of God.”

Now my mother calls the pay phone outside my walk-up, raving  
about what people think of a woman—thirty, unsettled,  
living on food stamps, coin-op Laundromats & public clinics.

Some nights I take my lanyards from their shoebox, practice baying  
those old camp songs to the moon. And remember how they told us  
that a smart girl could find her way out of anywhere, alive.

#### Psalm 27 - Dominus illuminatio

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Refrain:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

REFRAIN

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.

REFRAIN

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;

REFRAIN

I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

REFRAIN

Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the Lord will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O Lord;  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.

REFRAIN

What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
wait patiently for the Lord.

REFRAIN

## **Song – I Hear a Call – Emmylou Harris – The Band**

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**I hear a call, now will I answer  
Forsake my all to serve another  
Though darkness falls stay a believer  
I hear a call, now will answer**

**I see a light now will I follow  
Fill up this life that grows more hollow  
Make joy reside where there lives sorrow  
I see a light, now will I follow**

**I hear a call from out of nowhere  
And from anywhere I go  
I hear a call, now will answer**

**I feel a touch, now will I hold on  
Be there with love for those with no one  
With a kindness such, it lives though I'm gone  
I feel a touch, now will I hold on**

**I hear a call from out of nowhere  
And from everywhere I go  
I see a light, now will I follow  
I feel a touch, now will I follow  
I hear a call, now will I answer**

## **Reading Two: Matthew 4:12-23 (CEB) – Vaughn Vigil**

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Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
    alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,  
    the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,  
    and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.  
From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

## **Eel River Song – Meredith Buck – The Band**

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**Lay yourself down on the rocks now  
Let your body down in the river  
Listen for the drumming on the other side**

**Lose yourself in the meantime  
Lose yourself in the meantime...  
Lose yourself in the meantime...**

**Pastor Corey comes to Baltimore from Chicago when they moved here with their spouse in 2020. Ordained in 2020 Corey most recently served St. John in Linthicum Heights. Corey grew up in Minnesota and enjoyed playing hockey and spending time playing board games with their family. Corey fills their time these days walking their 4 yr old dog Peggy, climbing, and working at a brewery in Fed Hill.**

**Offering Invitation – Vaughn Vigil**

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**You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore/Tu Has Venido a la Orilla – The Band**

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**Tú has venido a la orilla  
No has buscado a sabios, ni a ricos  
Tan solo quieres que yo te siga**

**Refrain:**

**Señor, me has mirado a los ojos  
Sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre  
En la arena, he dejado mi barca  
Junto a ti, buscaré otro mar**

**You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.**

**Refrain:**

**Sweet Lord, you have looked in my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**Tú sabes bien lo que tengo  
En mi barca, no hay oro, ni plata  
Tan solo redes y mi trabajo  
(Refrain)**

**You know full well my possessions;  
My boat carries no gold and no weapons,  
just these my fish nets and will for working.  
(Refrain)**

**Tú necesitas mis manos  
Mis cansancios que a otros descansen  
Amor que quiero seguir amando  
(Refrain)**

**You need my hands full of caring,  
By my labors to give others rest  
a love that's willing to go on loving.  
(Refrain)**

Tú, Pescador de otros mares,  
Ansia eterna de almas que esperan,  
Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.  
(Refrain)

**You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, that's how you call me.  
(Refrain)**

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**Celebration of Eucharist – Amy Sens**

*All are welcome at the Eucharistic table. If you do not wish to partake, feel free to come forward for a blessing, or to take this time for meditation and personal reflection.*

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Announcements and Commissioning – Vaughn Vigil**

**Jan 16 – MLK Service Day and Clothing Swap – Thank you!**

**Muffins – Thank you!**

**Pastor Jim – Parental Leave**

**Spanish Class**

**Monday – The Challenge of Jesus Bible Study – via zoom – Now at 7:30**

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**Prayer & Blessing – Rev. Corey Bergman**

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**Song – This Little Light of Mine – The Band**

**This little light of Mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine,  
Let it shine,  
Let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go today  
I'm gonna let it shine  
...**

**When I meet my neighbor  
I'm gonna let it shine  
...**

**Gently, brightly, all the ways  
I'm gonna let it shine  
...**

**This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
...**

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**Dismissal – Vaughn Vigil**