



### **The Season After Epiphany**

Epiphany celebrates the light of Christ revealed to all people. The star lantern represents the light of Christ that shines from often unexpected places. The color green represents the growth that this light produces in us. The white frames are holding space for the *other* through whom Christ is revealed to us more fully.

### **Voices from the Wilderness**

In Epiphany the church basks in the light of Christ revealed to us. Yet simultaneously we live in a world divided by difference, riven by power structures that alienate and marginalize. To our surprise, the light of God shines upon us from the *other*, as God listens attentively to the voice of cries from the wilderness. In showing his mercy to the oppressed, God is revealed to them in ways the powerful do not know, so that *our* salvation is wrapped up into listening to *their* voices.

This sermon series situates us as attentive listeners to theological voices that cry out from the wildernesses of oppression and injustice in our society. After laying a theological groundwork for attentive, non-reactive listening to marginal experiences of God, we will train our attention on three voices that are too often diminished at the table in American Christianity. Across the power-divide of race, we will hear the witness of black theology to the God who liberates. Across the power-divide of gender, we will hear from feminist and queer theologians who witness to the God who overcomes binaries. And across the power-divide of class, we will listen to Latin American theologians who discover the preference of God for the poor.

### **Sermon Series Outline**

January 14th, Second Sunday after Epiphany

*A Biblical Theology of Listening*

January 21st, Third Sunday after Epiphany

*Voices from the Wilderness I, Race: The Witness of Black Theology*

January 28th, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*Voices from the Wilderness II, Gender: The Witness of Feminist/Queer Theology*

February 4th, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*Voices from the Wilderness III, Class: The Witness of Latin American Theology*