

# Sermons

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**[“What Does Following Jesus Mean When Social Change Fails?” by Ron Kraybill](#)**



## **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 5, 2023**

Good people agree that we should seek peace, justice, and harmony in the world. But what should we do when our efforts fail? When carefully planned and executed strategies for change don't work? When standing up for the right thing makes us a target of those in power? When rulers and privileged people clearly care about nothing other than staying in power at any cost? When social change movements falter and fail?

What does Christian faith say to these questions?

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# “God who is merciful and comforting” by Sandra Miller



## **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 29, 2023**

Holy One, Holy Wisdom, Holy Spirit, I trust that you guided my heart, head and hands as I wrote this offering, and pray you to be my guide as I offer it to my community. May the words I speak be received in love and curiosity by open minds and hearts, all in your name. Amen

Marjory reminded us a few weeks ago that epiphany means a sudden insight or flash of intuitive understanding, I hope we can always be open to such experiences.

Barry Lopez wrote: *“I think when you’re young you want to learn the names of everything... But it’s the syntax that you really are after. Anybody can develop the vocabulary. It’s the relationships that are important.”* Lopez’s quote feels like an invitation to working with the relationships in the Beatitudes, especially in a time that calls us all to be open to epiphanies that enlarge our vision and our part in God’s creation.

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## [“Bokamoso in 2023” by Jim Cawley and Connie Sullivan](#)



# **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**

*We were very disappointed that visa problems made it impossible for the young people from Bokamoso to visit us in person as they have done so many times in the past. Instead, Jim Cawley and Connie Sullivan, the Vice President and President of the Bokamoso Foundation, respectively, spoke to us about their own involvement with the program and their perceptions of how things are going. We also showed several videos of the young people singing, dancing, and speaking to us.*

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## **[A Sermon by Kurt Pluntke](#)**

# **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 15, 2023**

Last week Marjory Banks spoke to a well known but unique story in the bible. Th



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People on earth live in their own reality. It is a social construction of how the world works and will never be complete since reality is subjective and multidimensional. However, there can be focus on an integrated whole, one with the sustainable grounding in the biosphere. Ideally it would be one we can rest true faith in. When we face this particular reality, we can begin to find ourselves not inside a polycrisis, but above it in an enlightened fashion. A true reality allows examination of our selves and its relation to things that sustain long term. It is without the techno contraptions we have put too much reliance and faith in. That reality will make readily evident our *Homo Collosus* nature of capitalist grooming, where we overshoot resources, land, energy and the biosphere's carrying capacity, as William Catton describes. To me that radiant warming is a signifier of a call to reflect on our way of life, our assumptions, and the limits of our technologies, if not its nihilistic tendencies. It also is a call to be prepared and resilient, with guarded optimism.

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**[“Epiphany: A Season of Call” by Marjory Bankson](#)**

**Epiphany**



**January 8, 2023**

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On the liturgical calendar, Epiphany or 12<sup>th</sup> night, marks the end of Jesus' birth story – signaled by the visit of wise men from afar. In many cultures, 12<sup>th</sup> Night, or 3 Kings Day, is the real celebration that involves the exchange of presents, reserving Christmas for the birth of the Christchild.

I grew up thinking that Epiphany was when we took down Christmas decorations, because we always included the wise men in our Christmas celebration two weeks earlier. Now I see Epiphany as a season of call!

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