

January 7, 2024
Epiphany

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

EPIPHANY CALL TO WORSHIP

Nikki and Brian Pauls

excerpt from *For the Time Being* by W.H. Auden

WELCOME

Jan Buerge, worship leader

*HYMN VT 270

In the Beginning

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Rosi Penner Kaufman

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM

Ancient Peoples Searched the Sky

Tice/Morris

SERMON

Home by Another Way

Ruth Harder

HYMN VT 267/268

What Child is This/Helpless and Hungry

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer Hymn: VT 808 *Between Darkness and Light*
Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 205

Light Dawns on a Weary World

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Anthem text: *Ancient Peoples Searched the Sky*
Text by Adam M.L. Tice, Music by Sally Ann Morris

Ancient peoples searched the sky,
Voicing our eternal “why?”
Heaven answered with a sign:
A star, proclaiming Love divine.

Sages journeyed from the East
Bearing gifts for Prince and Priest.
Seeking Wisdom, starlight stirred,
They worshiped God’s incarnate Word.

Chasing starlight still today,
People dream, explore and pray.
God is with us, given birth
As starlight leads to Love on earth.

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