

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

10 a.m. *Communion Sunday* January 3, 2021

*\* indicates "stand if you are able."*

Introit "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Verses 1,2,4) UMH# 218

**GREETINGS**

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**All: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**All: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

One: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

One: And together let us pray.

**All: God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

\*HYMN "My Life Is in You, Lord" TFWS #2032

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God. Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

THE HEBREW READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Can You See It?" Rev. Jane Kim

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

**Offering our gifts to God is a holy act. In this sacred moment, let us offer our gifts and our lives to the holy work of God.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "From the Day You Were Born" *Russell Nagy*  
*CUMC Adult Choir*

From the day you were born, I have been here beside you.

As your life passes by, I will stand by your side.

Tho' today, as you try, you may worry and sigh,

Every day, hear me say, "Here am I."

Here am I, Come to me; take my hand: new life is free.

Please believe me, Receive me, Together, forever we will be.

Every Day for all time, when you call, I am near you.

When you are lost, here am I, standing right by your side.

Every time when you cry, when you ask yourself "Why?"

Every day, hear me say, "Here am I."

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (From UMH Pgs. 9-11) Insert

\*HYMN "Because He Lives" UMH #364

**\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

One: Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

**All: We go to spread the god news of light and love, righteousness and justice.**

One: Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

**All: As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light.**

One: May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light.

**All: Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

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**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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