

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY

10 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 1, 2023

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Heaven's rose"

Stan Pethel

CUMC Adult Choir

In days of old the prophets spoke foretelling of a time when hope would come,
When hope would be, and God's own light would shine.
That holy night in Bethlehem the God of Heaven chose to send His Son,
The Promised One, our Redeemer, Heaven's Rose.

From the highest heaven to such a lowly birth;
Heavenly love was given, a gift to all the earth, with the Father's blessing,
Freely unto those before him now confessing, "This is Jesus, Heaven's Rose."

As shepherds bow the angels sing, and stars shine ever bright;
The miracle, our destiny was born that wondrous night.
What mystery, what joy divine; we join with all of those who sing through all of
history, "This is Jesus, Heaven's Rose."
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem has sprung;
Of Jesus lineage coming, as those of old have sung

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

*Hymn

"What Child Is This"

UMH #219

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 – promises 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 may transform our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *"Children's Message"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE HEBREW READING Isaiah 60:1-6

PSALM READING Psalm 67:1-5

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Set Out in Faith"

Rev. Jane Kim

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

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Glory to God in the Highest

by Jay Althouse

CUMC Adult Choir

Hear now the news from Bethlehem: a tiny Child is born.

He is our Lord, Immanuel, come this winter morn.

Good people all, both great and small, all those who hear this voice,

With one accord we praise the Lord, and in our hearts rejoice.

Refrain

Glory to God, who has sent a Savior down from the heavens to earth below,
born of a virgin, the name of Mary, in excelsis Deo.

Great is the song of the angel chorus loudly proclaiming what all will know,
praising a Child by the name of Jesus, in excelsis Deo.

Come, all ye faithful, join in song. Let all who dwell on earth
come celebrate this wondrous day of our dear Savior's birth.
Good people all, now hear the call; let all the world proclaim
tidings of joy for the Baby Boy, the son of God by name.

Refrain

*DOXOLOGY *"Angels We Have Heard on High" Refrain Only* UMH #238

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 who are overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time – the gifts of our very selves. May they 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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. Jesus the Prince of Peace and the ruler of earth's governments, we pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"We Three Kings" Verses 1, 2, 3, 4* UMH #254

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

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

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

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 God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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