ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY			your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your		
10 a.m.	Epiphany of the Lord	January 1, 2023	promises of justice and righteousness – promises fulfilled in the babe of		
* indicates "stand if	f you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the sr	nall black book.		y we, like the magi, have a star to	• • •
PRELUDE			-	e one who will truly set us free. N	
INTROIT	"Heaven's rose" CUMC Adult Choir	Stan Pethel	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.		
In days of old the prophets spoke foretelling of a time when hope would come,			A TIME WITH YOUNG DIS	CIPLES "Children's Message"	
That holy ni	would be, and God's own light would shine. ght in Bethlehem the God of Heaven chose to sen ed One, our Redeemer, Heaven's Rose.	d His Son,	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 iou what you say to		
From the highest heaven to such a lowly birth; Heavenly love was given, a gift to all the earth, with the Father's blessing,			Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.		
Freely unto those before him now confessing, "This is Jesus, Heaven's Rose."		THE HEBREW READING	Isaiah 60-1-6		
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!			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		
 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 			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. <i>Refrain</i> 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)

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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.

*HYM	N "We Three Kings" V	erses 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 u	pon 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

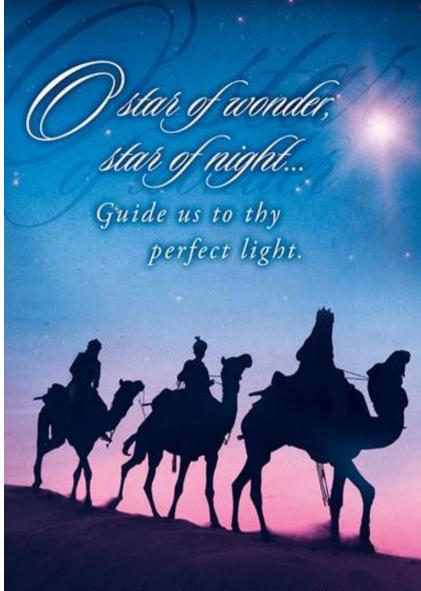
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Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. MATTHEW 212 (NIV)