

January 9, 2022  
Epiphany

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn: VU 96 Will You Come and See the Light (vs 1-2-5)***

Candle

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

***\*I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me! If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be. / When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun. ref...***

Call to Worship

A star shining brightly in the East, **discovered by those who have eyes to see the unusual and the challenging.** A journey into unknown territory, **taken by those who have courage and curiosity.** The Holy One recognized, despite humble origin, **the glory of the gifts, given to God's Chosen Child.** Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

God of life, starlight is our night companion – a gift of wonder that helped direct ancient ones on their journey, and helps us reflect upon our own. Amen

***Hymn: VU 91 The First Nowell (vs 1-2-3)***

Prayers for Grace & Transformation/Words of Assurance

God has brought us again to this place, where we can leave behind our fears. And the gift that God gives us this new year is a new journey with the child who grows, loves us and lives for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

***We Listen***

First Testament:	Isaiah 60 :1-6
Psalm 72:	Part 1 and 2 VU page 790
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

***\*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

Reflection

***Hymn: We Three Kings (insert)***

Invitation to the offering/Offertory Prayer Announcements

**Holy Communion - Insert**

Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer

***\*Dream a peace, our planet's peace, the greening of the earth at play, the holy ground where life is found, where God has touched the clay.***

Benediction/Commissioning

***Hymn: VU 81 As with Gladness Men of Old***

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*Star of wonder, star of light, star with  
royal beauty bright, westward  
leading, still proceeding, guide us  
to thy perfect light*

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