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Bulletin

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Epiphany

10:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.” –Helen Keller

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Snow Lay on the Ground” (Arr. Held)

-Carol Graham

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT

-Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of our darkness into light.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of light.

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

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Three Kings”

-UMH 254

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 60:1-6 in the Old Testament*

-Diane Biggs

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.



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HYMN OF PREPARATION “*Star-Child*” -FWS 2095

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER -UMH 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM -Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 2:1-12 in the New Testament*

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For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

THE MESSAGE “*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*” -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “*Comfort and Joy*” (Arr. Graham) -Carol Graham

***Doxology** “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY 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. Amen.

GOING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*” -UMH 251

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*March of the Kings*” 13th century Provencal Carol -Carol Graham

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Please complete the registration card found in the pew pocket and place in the offering.
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.*



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