

# Order of Worship for Epiphany

January 2, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Organ & Piano • Marty Matutis, Cantor

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### Prelude

*Suite Antiga: Prelude*

by Alberto Nepomuceno

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### Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

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### + Call to Worship

with Graham Wills

We come to this place—

***each of us on our own path.***

The path is winding,

***and the path is not always clear,***

and the path changes,

***but we are here.***

God is walking us home.

***What a gift it is not to walk alone.***

Let us worship Holy God.

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### + Opening Hymn

*The First Noel*

United Methodist Hymnal #245

verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

#### Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

#### Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

#### Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

#### Refrain

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## Verse 3

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

## Refrain

## Verse 5

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
gold and myrrh and frankincense.

## Refrain

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## Call to Confession

with Pastor Hannah

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## Prayer of Confession

*God of changed plans, the Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way. We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists*

*and hold on tighter. Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy. Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home. Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation. Guide our steps to unfamiliar places. Gratefully we pray. Amen.*

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## Words of Forgiveness

with Pastor Hannah

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## Song

*Where Children Belong*

The Faith We Sing #2233

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This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word,  
bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.

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## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

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## Scripture

with Sue Frankson

*Matthew 2:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came

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to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the

house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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## Sermon

*Home By Another Way*

with Graham Wills

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## **A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition**

United Methodist Hymnal #607

***I am no longer my own, but thine.***

***Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.***

***Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.***

***Let me be full, let me be empty.***

***Let me have all things, let me have nothing.***

***I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and blessed***

***God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,***

***Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.***

***And the covenant which I have made on earth,***

***Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.***

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## Hymn of Response

*We Three Kings*

United Methodist Hymnal #254

verses 1, 2, & 5

### Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

### Refrain

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

### Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

### Refrain

### Verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise;

King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

### Refrain

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## Prayers of the People

with Pastor Hannah

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## Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

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## Holy Communion

with Pastor Hannah

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## Communion Music

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## Offering Invitation

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## Offertory

*Christmas Time Is Here*

by Vince Guaraldi

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

United Methodist Hymnal #94

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*There's a Song in the Air*

United Methodist Hymnal #249

verses 1 & 4

### Verse 1

There's a song in the air!

There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer

and a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire

while the beautiful sing,

for the manger of Bethlehem

cradles a King!

### Verse 4

We rejoice in the light,

and we echo the song

that comes down through the night

from the heavenly throng.

Ay! we shout to the lovely

evangel they bring,

and we greet in his cradle

our Savior and King!

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**+ Benediction**  
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**Postlude**  
*Walking in the Air*  
by Howard Blake  
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