

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Prelude** · Toni DiCapua

The Three Kings... Wilbur Held

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

People: All of the glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...

Leader: Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

People: Bring your questions, your hopes, your faith and your fears

Leader: into this space.

People: God is here.

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · We Three Kings of Orient Are
No. 66

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of starlight, we know that faith isn't a vending machine. Good news can't be bought or manufactured. It does not arrive with a push of a button. Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for You in our midst. We have to walk toward You, just as the Magi did. We have to believe that love really can change the world. We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights. Forgive us for forgetting that. Forgive us for seeking You with only part of our hearts. We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk Your way every single day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Those who wish may stand.

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* ♪ **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Julie Larson

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 1155)

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

The Journey... Lloyd Larson

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
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Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1497)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"What Do We Seek?"

Seeking God, Part 1

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Star Words Distributed

You are invited to come forward as indicated to select a Star Word. We will come to you if you need to receive a Star Word in the pew.

Acknowledgement and Blessings of Offerings

* ♪ **Hymn of Preparation** · Jesus Shall Reign

No. 42

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD... continued

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Apostles' Creed

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup Shared

You are invited to hold the bread until all have received it so we can take it together. Please take the cup when you receive it.

Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

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* 🎵 **Closing Hymn** · The First Nowell
No. 56

* **Benediction**

* 🎵 **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

🎵 **Postlude** · Toni DiCapua

In Dulci Jubilo... J.S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson