

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

O Jesuleun suss ... Rebecca Telvelde

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: The Magi had a dream.

People: They dreamed of a Messiah.

They dreamed of just rulers.

They dreamed of a new day for all people.

Leader: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

People: They journeyed to unknown places.

They followed a star.

They walked for days to get to Jesus.

Leader: So may we be like the Magi,

People: May our dreams inspire action.

May we worship the one true God.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · We Three Kings of Orient Are

No. 66

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God, we love to worship you when the stars are bright above us. We love to worship you when the sky is clear, and the breeze just right. We love to worship you when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one. Unfortunately, as you know, this journey of life, love, and faith is rarely easy. Now and again, the stars disappear. Our feet get blisters, and the journey is far too long and lonely. On these days, forgive us for giving up quickly. Forgive us for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home. We want to be as brave as the Magi. We want to persevere. Guide our feet. Show us the stars. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 1155)

 **Solo · Bob Kraut**

Star Carol ... Alfred Burt

Mary Mackie, accompanist

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1497)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"Those Who Dream...Persevere"

6th in the Series Those Who Dream

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.

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Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

- * **♪ Hymn of Preparation · Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**
No. 510

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to participate in this sacrament. The elements are grape juice and bread.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Apostle's Creed (see pg. 5)

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.

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

- * **♪ Closing Hymn · What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright**
No. 68

- * **Benediction**

- * **♪ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

♪ Organ Postlude · Mary Mackie

In Dulci Jubilo ... James Vivian