

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

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## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* -Matthews, arr. Whitworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The magi came from many places, following a star.

**All: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.**

One: The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

**All: We too bring gifts – ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.**

One: Shepherds and magi – the meek and the mighty – all were welcome in Bethlehem.

**All: We too, come to worship the Lord!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* Hymnal 68

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*(Silent prayers of confession may be made)*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymnal 579

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.** *(People may greet one another)*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE *Awesome God* (words on screen)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

RESPONSE *Awesome God* (words on screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible p. 528

PSALM Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14 Pew Bible p. 414

RESPONSE *We Three Kings of Orient Are (verse 1)* Hymnal 66

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible p. 681

SERMON "Our Guiding Light" Rev. Jennifer Olson

\*RESPONSE *We Three Kings of Orient Are (verse 5)* Hymnal 66

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

## WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Give Thanks* - Smith

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal 592

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise . . . .**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. . .**

Remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus, together we say: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to receive communion.*

*Remain in your seats and it will be passed to you.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Marilynn Jepsen, organist

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us with holy food. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

## ***WE TAKE GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD***

\* HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Hymnal 63

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE *The March of the Three Kings*

- Wilson



***GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD!***

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## ***Epiphany of the Lord Sunday***

***January 6, 2019***

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Kristy Zenk, Choir Director

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Kathy Jones, Usher

Shar Hulstein, Tech Team

Tanner Gotto and Thomas Gotto, Candlelighters

Mary Goettsch, Wayne Igou, Kyle & Joyce Bohnker, Communion Servers