

Order of Worship
Epiphany of Our Lord
9:30 am – January 8, 2023

Participating Live?

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PRELUDE *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice "In Dulci Jubilo"* arr. Paul Manz
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WELCOME

HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* UMH 237
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1. Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.
Refrain: Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!
2. Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." **(Refrain)**
3. In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child.
(Refrain)
4 From the eastern country came the kings afar, bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.
(Refrain)
5. Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price; there was never a stable so like paradise.
(Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Karen Flock, liturgist

L: O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

P: The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

L: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

P: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

L: Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

P: God's Light of love is shining upon us. Amen.

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HYMN *We Three Kings* UMH 254
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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.
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]**
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. **[Refrain]**
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**
5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL OFFERING*Glad Tidings*

Natalie Sleeth

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson—Director; Lance Crane—Accompanist

SCRIPTURE*Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV)*

Karen Flock, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

MUSICAL RESPONSE*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

UMH 204

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel:
God with us, revealed in us! His name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Emmanuel, God with us, we bear our gifts to you as our homage for your presence in our lives. Take these gifts, make them be an instrument in the world for those in need. Remind us that your generosity to us far surpasses anything we might give to you. Empower us to live in a way that glorifies you. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness, like the Wise Men, to follow where you lead. We pray this all in the name of the Savior, born to give us life, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

UMH 247

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1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
my Lord and Master, thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely!
Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all-victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.
2. Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine! O deep within my heart now shine,
and make thee there an altar! Fill me with joy and strength to be
thy member, ever joined to thee in love that cannot falter;
toward thee longing doth possess me; turn and bless me; here in sadness eye and heart long for thy gladness!
3. What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning! He will one day, O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness, we are yearning for the day of your returning.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Eternal God, we celebrate the Magi's trek to find the one who would change the world. We marvel at their quest to honor a child whose power and justice was announced in the heavens above. Transform our feet of clay into wings of adventure and show us the gifts we find on the journey. Open us to the mystery made known in Christ, that others may behold in us the blessings to be found in journeys worth taking. Amen

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WORD'S OF ASSURANCE

The power that brought light and salvation to the kings of old is at work in the world today, granting eternal life to those who turn
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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**
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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring "Personet Hodie"
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Lance Crane—organ

Prayer Requests

Van Nuys UMC—Pastor Sang Ho Yi

Trinity UMC of Los Osos—Pastor Gilbert Stones

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Glad Tidings

Glad tidings we bring, bright carols we sing to tell of the birthday of Jesus the King, who came from above, the gift of God's love, to sleep in a stable on earth. It happened one night: a star shining bright filled all of the sky with a radiant light. It guided the way, by night and by day, for all who were seeking the birth. The infant so fair, whose story we share, was sent for the world to adore; his cradle a stall, but welcomed by all, we follow His star evermore! The babe was foretold by prophets of old, and greeted with treasures of silver and gold. So come let us bow and worship Him now, no heart unaware of His worth.



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