



LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 3, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
Online Live Streaming Service
Epiphany Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Johann Pachelbel
Thom Miles, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP A Prayer in Search of Holy Connection Debbie Wong
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HYMN #151 *We Three Kings* **KINGS OF ORIENT**
(music for this hymn included at the end of the bulletin)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May God forgive you. May God's guiding hand surround you. May you know comfort.
May you know peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

FRENCH CAROL

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Claire Miller

ANTHEM

What Child is This?
Lakeside Ringers
Debbie Williams, flute

arr. Scott Reynolds

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Miller

God of the Milky Way, we, like the Magi, are walking toward you. One foot in front of the other, we are walking toward you. It is our very prayer to move your way. So if you can, leave the light on and the front door unlocked. Leave a fire in the hearth and food on the stove. And when we start to get lost or doubt our dreams, give us the will to persevere. We are walking toward you, O God. So like the parent that throws open the door, open the door to us through this text. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

EUCCHARIST

MOMENT FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING RESPONSE

CRANHAM

**What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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AMEN (Pavlechko)

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(please partake as you are able with elements from your home.)*
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

POSTLUUDE

Chorale Prelude on In dulci júbilo

J. M. Bach

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151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.