

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude *Gesu Bambino*, by Pietro A. Yon Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Rev. Christopher Liberati
Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* UM Hymnal 238

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Darkness is banished!

C: God’s light has come to us!

L: The brightness of the Star leads us!

C: We come to celebrate God’s abiding love!

L: Glory be to God in the Highest!

C: And on earth, peace forever. AMEN.

INTO THE WORD

Isaiah 60:1–6 Lay Reader: Todd Brooks

*Matthew 2:1–12

Response to the Word **Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *There’s a Song in the Air* UM Hymnal 249

Morning Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

Offertory *A Christmas Blessing* Chancel Choir
by Pamela Stewart & Lloyd Larson

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*
Joe Jancura, Piano Soloist

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UM Hymnal 247

*Benediction

Postlude *Joy to the World*, arr. by Norman Johnson Janet Guetle

Serving in Worship:

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnivant

Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Anthony Liberati

Sound: Daniel Burson

Did you know?

One of our goals for this upcoming year is to become more intentional in our prayer life. Have a prayer request? Please fill out the green prayer cards located in the pews, place them in the offering plate, and they will be prayed over and shared with the pastors and/or congregation and/or care & connect team based on your request.

Consider lighting a candle at the kneeler at the beginning of this service while offering your prayers to God.