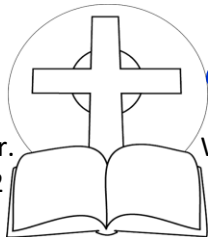


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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We are created to communicate and share all the gifts we have received from God.

All: We are created to share ourselves... to pour forth everything we possess, whether in our bodies or our souls.

One: Help us to light the darkness!

All: Join the Magi!

Bring yourself as a gift to Christ.

* Hymn VU #79 – “*Arise, Your Light is Come*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Let us celebrate God’s glory around us, and the light of Christ within us! Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has dawned upon us. For shadows cover the earth and deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you, God will rise, and God’s glory will appear upon you. You are the light of the world. Then you shall be radiant, your hearts shall thrill and rejoice! Christ will be our everlasting light; and God will be our glory! Yet, we crouch and hide, afraid to lift up our eyes and see the radiance around us. We stumble in the shadows of fears; we hold tight to the curtains blocking our vision. We refuse to discern the light within ourselves, within each other. We are dull and tarnished; our small flames sputtering and untended. Let us remember you are with us God, giving us courage to raise our eyes and see your glory all around us. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

* Hymn VU #91 – “*The First Noel*”

The Word



Scripture Readings – Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “An awakening”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

* Hymn VU #82 – “*A Light is Gleaming*”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**When heaven’s bright with mystery
And stars still lead an unknown way,
When love still lights a gentle path
Where courts of power can hold no sway,
There with the Magi, let us kneel,
Our gifts to share, God’s world to heal.**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn VU #87 – “*I Am the Light of the World*”

* Benediction / Response

**O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
Our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
As stars once led the way to you.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Kelsey Shiaro, “Joyful Noise” Director Myrna Hagues, Organist
Glenna Miller, Liturgist Gina Grant, Custodian

Greeters: Joyce Muir and Madeline Dean
Ushers: Linda Smith and Georgina Backman