

Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance for those who need them.

* indicates you are invited to stand

Bold text indicates a unison prayer or response

PRELUDE

GREETING

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

**People: O Lord, guide us as we look to You
and worship You. Amen.**

*OPENING SONG

"There's a Song in the Air" Hymnal # 249

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our

lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

"New Beginnings"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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 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.

PRAYER HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 4 Hymnal # 230

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal p. 13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your 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.

It is right...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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men sent by Herod, we, too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. As were the people in those days, we are surprised that we find you not in a palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our wealth seem simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and outshined by what you have given us. Just the same, use our gifts for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion—as would befit the Savior who sleeps in a manger. It's in is holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal # 254

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING .

POSTLUDE

Arise,
SHINE,
FOR YOUR
light HAS COME,
& THE
glory
OF THE
LORD
rises
UPON YOU.
ISAIAH 60:1

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