

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Epiphany Sunday  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE: Here I Am to Worship**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Alleluia** #186

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: The First Noel** #245 (vs 1, 2, 3, 5)

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

**P: We have lived in the darkness of doubt and despair until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.**

L: Now the light has truly come to us!

**P: Darkness has been banished away!**

L: Arise! Shine! For the Light of God's love has come!

**P: And we shall be led to that Light in joy and celebration. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the Christ Child. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

**\*HYMN: We Three Kings** #254 (vs 1, 2, 3, 5)

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

**GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #95

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)**

**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 RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine** #2173

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: All Hail King Jesus**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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