

January 8th, 2023
Epiphany
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Love Came Down at Christmas #242

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Star Child** #2095

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

P: In the darkness of doubt and despair we have lived until we witnessed the birth of the Messiah.

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**

Loving God, you 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.

ANTHEM: *When the Season Comes Round Again*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

***HYMN: We Three Kings**

#254

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**

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: The First Noel**

#245 (vs 1-4)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

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