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Epiphany

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you”

Isaiah 60:1

Prelude:

We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.



Call to Worship

Radiant God, light for all people and all places,
by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child.

By the light of faith
lead us to worship in peace and love, and guide us in your way.

With open hearts and minds, let us come and worship.

Gathering Hymn: *I Am the Light of the World* VU 87

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Centering Hymn: *Bathe Me in your Light* MV 82

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: We light the Christ Candle to proclaim that the light of
God is around us, beside us, and within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

An Epiphany Prayer:

VU 88

**God of gold, we seek your glory:
the richness that transforms drabness into colour,
and brightens our dullness with vibrant light;
your wonder and joy at the heart of all life.**

**God of incense, we offer you our prayer:
our spoken and unspeakable longings,
our questioning of truth,
our searching for your mystery deep within.**

**God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our suffering:
the pain of all our rejections and bereavements,
our baffled despair at undeserved suffering,
our rage at continuing injustice.**

**In our wealth, in our yearning, in our anger and loss,
we embrace you, God-with-us. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Proclaim



Learning Together:

Sung Response: *Like a Rock* MV 92

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection: A Tribute to Seekers

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: *Like a Healing Stream* MV 144

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory Hymn: *We Give Our Thanks to God* MV 187 (vs. 1)

Prayer of Dedication

