



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



January 8, 2023

9:55 am

AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES 'Rise Up Shepherd and Follow'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sue Koza

OPENING HYMN 'We Three Kings' No. 172

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Behold, the glistening sign of hope.

Many: A distant but shining star is cupped by the darkness that gently holds the future.

One: Do we dare to feel its warming glow in these days so cold with fear?

Many: Do we dare to wonder where it leads us, or choose the path we know?

One: The Holy has painted possibility across the night sky.

Many: It flickers with potential, trembles with vulnerability, shimmers with beauty, still.

One: Come, seekers.

Many: The journey is before us. A new day is born!

OPENING PRAYER²

A TIME FOR ALL AGES Pastor Ann-Marie

***HYMN** 'Sing of God Made Manifest' No. 176

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE FOR EPIPHANY

***SONG OF PREPARATION** 'In The Bleak Midwinter' vs. 4

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him, give Him my heart.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said,

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,

by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,

because from you will come one who governs,

who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

SERMON AND A STORY

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

*During this time, we invite you to take a moment for quiet reflection
or to light a candle at one of the stations spread across our sanctuary.*

Come and Light a Candle...



PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO STARWORDS

HYMN

'Wind Upon the Waters'

No. 247

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

God of Wonder, at times we are taken aback by the calling of love. It can feel so radical – to profess and believe that we each have an offering to bring. That we are all essential. That there is enough grace and communion along the way. But like the wise ones, we desire to rise courageously to your beckoning. Bringing our gifts, bearing together the challenges of love's way.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

'Healing River'

Fred Hellerman/Fran Minkoff,
arr. Herbert Haufrecht

*DOXOLOGY

'Angels We Have Heard On High' (Refrain)

No. 155

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

*HYMN

'Woyaya'

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist
Alisa Cassola, Soloist
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

¹"A Contemplative Epiphany Service" *Enfleshed*, accessed 1 Jan. 2023, <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/epiphany/>

²Kaiser, Rev. M Jade. "Other Readings" *Enfleshed*, accessed 1 Jan. 2023, <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/epiphany/>

We Three Kings

All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth - and skies.

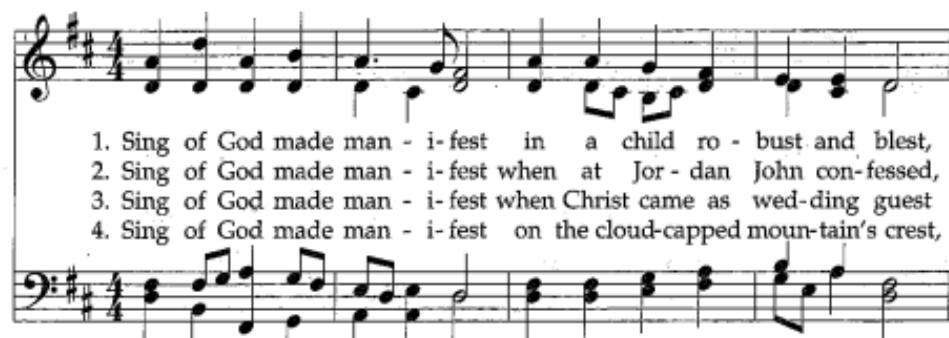
Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

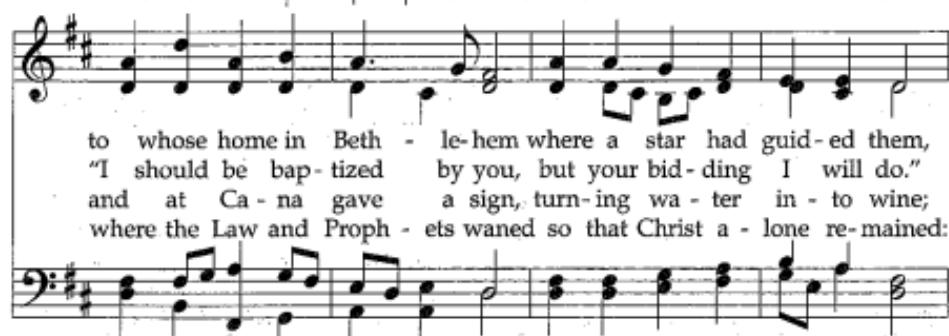
WORDS and MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

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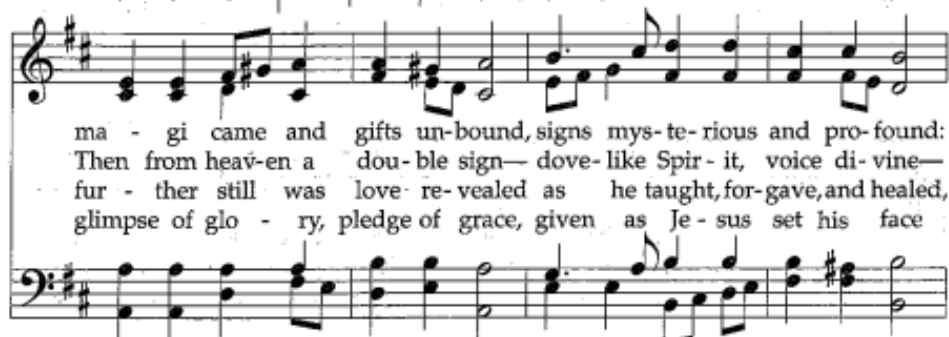
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.



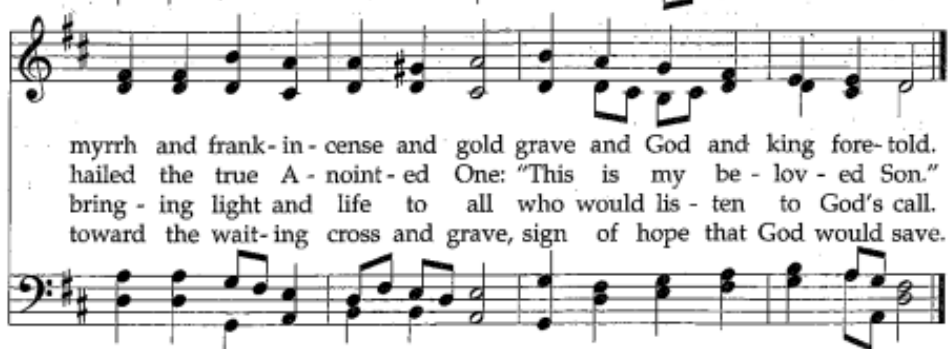
1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the Law and Prop - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love - re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 toward the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

MUSIC: Jacob Hintze, 1678; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (18th century)

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Wind upon the Waters

Unison Gm Dm7 Gm B^b Gm

1. Wind up - on the wa - ters, voice up - on the
 2. Show - ers from the hea - vens, wa - ter from the
 3. Rock and hill and gar - den, wood and des - ert
 4. Blaz - ing light of won - der, flame that pierc - es
 5. Wind up - on the wa - ters, rains up - on the

F Cm7 F

1. deep, rouse your sons and daugh - ters,
 2. earth, gift so whol - ly giv - en,
 3. sand, prai - rie, field and mead - ow,
 4. night, burst the dark a - sun - der,
 5. sand, grace your sons and daugh - ters,

E^b F Gm F B^b Gm

1. wake us from our sleep, breath - ing life in - to all
 2. source of ev - 'ry birth; joy of ev - 'ry liv - ing
 3. shaped by Love's own hand, love that fills the world a -
 4. fill our souls with light. Lord of glo - ry, fill the
 5. new - born by your hand. Come, O Spir - it, and re -

Cue notes = optional 2nd part

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1986

WIND UPON THE WATERS
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F Gm E^b D7

1. flesh, breath - ing love in - to all hearts, liv - ing
 2. thing, mak - ing all cre - a - tion sing, show - er
 3. round, spring - ing up from bar - ren ground, grow your
 4. skies, make an end to ha - tred's cries, be the
 5. new all the life that comes from you, send your

E^b Cm7 F Dm7 Gm C/G Gm

Last time *fine*

1. wind up - on the wa - ters of, my soul.
 2. down up - on the dry earth of my soul.
 3. love with - in the gar - den of my soul.
 4. blaz - ing sun of jus - tice in our lives.
 5. winds up - on the wa - ters of my soul.

Last time *fine*

155 Angels We Have Heard on High

Descant

4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ, who comes in
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
 o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
 low - ly birth. Come a - dore on bend - ed knee
 an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

Refrain

while our hearts in love we raise. Ah!

ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Je - sus, joy of heav'n and earth. Glo - - -
 while our hearts in love we raise.

WORDS: Traditional French carol; tr. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964, alt.; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

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Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Ah!

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!