

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

January 5, 2025

9:30am

EPIPHANY SUNDAY: THE ROAD ISN'T STRAIGHT

Prelude

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Welcome/Call to Worship

One: How did you get here?

All: I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.

I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.

I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.

I crawled, kissing the earth below me.

One: Tell me again. How did you get here?

All: I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

One: Welcome home. This is God's house. There is room for you here.

Let us worship our gracious God.

Sung Response "Love Broke Forth"
(Sung to the tune IRBY/#250 Once in Royal David's City)

***Love broke forth to know completely
Who you are and who you'll be
Gathering into one body
All of our humanity
Tenderly Love speaks your name
Your belonging to proclaim***

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of starlight, We long to follow you. Like the Magi, we want to pick up the hems of our robes and run in your direction. Like the Magi, we want to kick up dust with our feet and make a joyful ruckus following your guiding star. But, the stars can be hard to see from here. Your still, small voice can be hard to hear from here. So just as you guided the Magi, guide us. Draw our attention to your Word. Reveal what it is you want us to hear today, so that we can follow you. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

Hymn	"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vs 1-3)	Hymnal 220
Children's Time		Pastor Leigh
Scripture	Isaiah 43:16-21	
Hymn	"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vs 1-3)	Hymnal 383
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	
Hymn	"We Three Kings"	Hymnal 254
Message		Pastor Leigh
Offering		
*Doxology	(To the tune of #219 What Child Is This) <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God all heavens and the earth Our hope for today and always</i>	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer Song	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs 4)	Hymnal 230
Prayer		
Hymn	"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vs 4-5)	Hymnal 383
Holy Communion		
Announcements		
Hymn	"Star-Child"	TFWS 2095
Blessing		
Postlude		

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This Week:

Monday, Jan. 6	6:30pm 7:00pm	Core Team Meeting Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Jan. 7	1:00pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Codependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Jan. 8	4:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	Bells Rehearsal Advent Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Jan. 9	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Jan. 12	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream



Prayer Requests:

Grace Swanson—daughter Bridget has Covid and is a long way from home

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