

**\* We invite you to stand as you are able**

**INTROIT\* “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271**

**STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL**

**All: No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here.**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We invite all to signing the attendance pad.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** (church bell tolls)

**CALL TO WORSHIP\***

One: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

**All: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.**

One: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

**All: The darkness what surrounds us is gone!**

One: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God’s love in our lives.

**All: Let us become those who will bring the light of God’s love to others. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER\***

**All: God of Promise and mysterious Light,  
be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift.  
Give us courage and hope along our way,  
as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path,  
leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard on High” Black Hymnal 125

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (CEB)

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord’s glory has shone upon you. Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you; God’s glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance. Lift up your eyes and look all around: they are all gathered; they have come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters on caregivers’ hips. Then you will see and be radiant; your heart will tremble and open wide, because the sea’s abundance will be turned over to you; the nations’ wealth will come to you. Countless camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah.

They will all come from Sheba, carrying gold and incense, proclaiming the Lord’s praises.

**HYMN** “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People” Black Hymnal 181

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

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.

**MESSAGE**

“Epiphany Traditions”

Bishop Lanette Plambeck  
Dakotas-Minnesota Area United Methodist Church

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

One: Holy God of hope and promise: when your children were in deep despair, you promised them a sign, the indication of a Savior coming into their midst. As we bring you our offerings this day, so many of us are discouraged, trying to find our way. We need your sign, we need your Son, not only as a reminder of history, but as a new direction, a revolution of love that starts in our hearts, a resurrection of compassion that looks beyond self and the accumulation of more and more things that don't satisfy. We need what only a Savior can give us. In the name of Emmanuel "God with us", Amen.

**OFFERING & HYMN\*** "We Three Kings" vs. 1, 2,5 Red Hymnal #254

**CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION & SENDING\***

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

**CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
Donald Birttnen	Worship Tech Assistant
Donna Zilge	Office Assistant
James Prince	Custodian
Judy Lieffring	Pianist & Organist
Mike Nelson	Bell Choir Director

*You are loved.* ❤️

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**Welcome to  
Newport United Methodist Church &  
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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