



January 5, 2025

Epiphany

## WE GATHER CENTERING

### PRELUDE

*Say Where Is He* from Oratorio "Christus" Op. 97

Composer: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809 - 1847

André Coleman, tenor; Howard Bartlow, baritone; Benjamin Smedberg, baritone

Ann Bartlow, piano

### WELCOME

Jay Moore

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

ONE:	How did you get here? 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.
ALL:	<b>I crawled, kissing the earth below me.</b>
ONE:	Tell me again. How did you get here?
ALL:	<b>I am here by God's grace and love's pull.</b>
ONE:	Welcome home. This is God's house. There is room for you here.

<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Let us worship our gracious God.</b>
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## WORD

### ANTHEM

*There Shall a Star* from Oratorio "Christus" Op. 97

Composer: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809 - 1847

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Ann Bartlow, Piano

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21; Matthew 2:1-18

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

### MESSAGE

"The Road is Not Straight"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

### \*HYMN #254

*We Three Kings*

Words and Music: John H. Hopkins Jr., 1857 (Matthew 21-12)

Congregation

Ann Bartlow, organ

## WONDER

### HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor and Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

Stewards

### MISSION MOMENT: Angel Tree Gratitude

Celina and Hannah Schmidt

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

God of Light. We offer our gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share, and long to do more. Help us to be like the magi and carefully plan the gifts we bring you. May we not be satisfied with what is enough, but instead be inspired to do more. May these gifts be used so others may know the hope that is found in you. In His name, we pray. Amen.

## WHAT NOW

### \*HYMN #173

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: J. G. Werner's , 1815; harm.: William H. Havergal, 1861

Congregation

Ann Bartlow, organ

## SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

## POSTLUDE

**Puer natus (Mode I)**

Composer: Mark Sedio, living

Ann Bartlow, organ

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## SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: William Hahs and Alice Hedrick

Altar Guild for January: Carol Henley

Audio Visual Volunteer: Aaron Dowd, Brian Jones and Debbie Spriggs

Chat Room Host: Mary Stark

Communion Stewards: Nancy Kuhn, Jane Rall

Congregational Welcome: Jay Moore

Fellowship Hosts: Tim Evans and Sarah Romeyn

Liturgist: Nancy Kuhn

Nursery Staff: Julia Evans and Tessa Ricketts

Sunday School Teachers -Elementary Grades: Nancy Hart and Susan Jones  
Sunday School Teachers – Middle School Grades: Dave Cope and Chuck Spencer  
Welcome Team: Carol and Gordon Henley

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor  
Ann Bartlow, Organist  
André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader  
Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator  
Kris Neale, Ministry Intern  
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