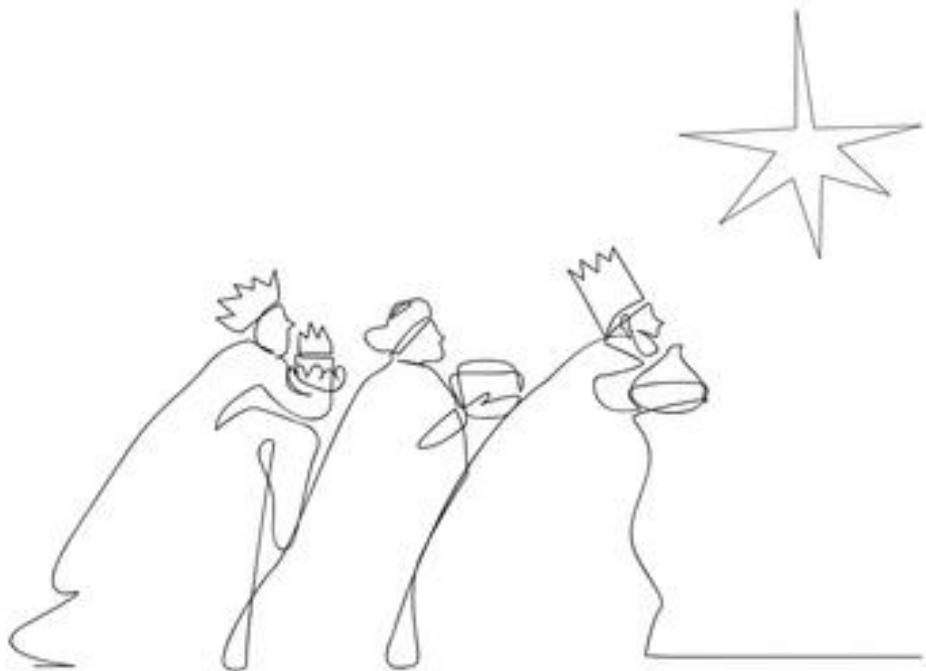


# EPIPHANY SUNDAY



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**USHERS:** Dorothy Zeidler, Bill Standiford and Jacob Habeck

## **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

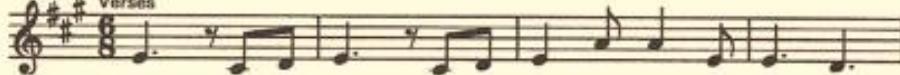
*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

We worship in the name of the Father,  $\pm$  the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

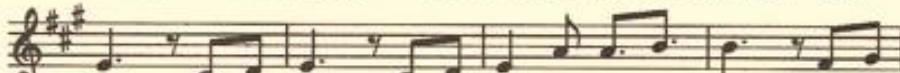
### **OPENING SONG**

“Christ, Our Light Has Come” vs 1 and 2      *Curtis Stephan*  
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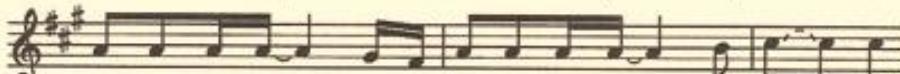
## Verses



1. Still, come be still; let us hear the proph-ets call - ing.  
 2. Peace, there is peace; for new hope to - day is dawn - ing.  
 3. Here in this place let us stand in awe and won - der.



1. Still, come be still; let us hear the an-gels sing. For true  
 2. Peace, there is peace; come be-hold the face of God. In a  
 3. Here in this place we be-hold the mys-ter - y. For the



1. light has ar-rived to il - lu-mine our lives so of - ten be-  
 2. prom-ise ful-filled now his love is re-vealed; all heav-en and  
 3. mes-sage goes out; there is no room for doubt: the child now

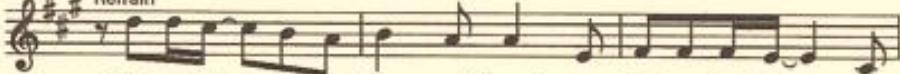


1. set by the dark - ness. We find who we are in the  
 2. earth are re - joic - ing. Put a-way all your fear for our  
 3. laid in a man - ger; true God and true man, now re -



1. light of the star on the way to our jour-ney's end.  
 2. path now is clear on the way to our jour-ney's end.  
 3. veal-ing the plan, ♫ the way to our jour-ney's end.

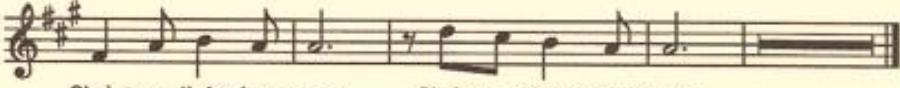
## Refrain



Cast a-side all your fear and dread, come fol-low the light to



Beth - le-hem. The way of sal-va-tion re-vealed to all:



Christ our light has come, Christ our light has come.

## CONFESsION AND FORGIVENESS / READINESS FOR EPIPHANY

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

2 For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples,  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
**and his glory will appear over you.**

3 Nations shall come to your light  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
**they all gather together; they come to you;**  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
**your heart shall thrill and rejoice,**  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;  
**the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
**They shall bring gold and frankincense**  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

<b>SONG</b>	"We Three Kings"	<i>Blue Book 646 vs 1,2 and 5</i>
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	"Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"	<i>Red Book 297</i>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	Matthew 2: 1 - 12	<i>Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland</i>

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 2, verses 1 - 12:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.** 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him

homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, **they left for their own country by another road.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

"Stewardship of Self"

*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

**SERMON SONG**

"As a Mother Comforts Her Child"  
(Prayer squares are collected)

*Brian Wentzel*

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The lyrics are as follows:

As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.

As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.

As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.

The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

I believe in God, the creator of the universe,  
who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,  
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world  
That shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it.

He embodied humanity in the image of God.  
In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion,  
He suffered for the greater good.

He was and is the Son of God.

He died on the cross for us,  
God's saving grace!

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The guiding light of God in our world.  
Through his spirit, God penetrates and reveals  
The bleakness of human sin, helps people grow and  
Become the people they are meant to be.

I believe in the power of transformation,  
Through God's spirit and light,  
Here in this world and in the world to come.

Amen.

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O God, we call, O God, we call, from  
 deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from  
 deep inside we yearn for you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

"Go Light Your World"

*Kathy Troccoli*

### OFFERING PRAYER

*Lisa Miller*

Gracious God, **All that we have, and all that we are, come from You. We offer these gifts in response to the generosity first offered us, with the prayer that these gifts are used to show others your amazing grace. Amen.**

## PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

*Chorus*

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in. And our

hearts will open wide to receive.

### Presider's Prayer

**Reprise**     "And the Table Will be Wide"

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother ...

**Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation

**COMMUNION SONG**     "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"     *Red Book 815*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Lisa Miller*

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Based on Isaiah 43*

God, who breathed this world alive  
And sustains it day by day  
Who flung stars into space  
And guides our destiny

Also says: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

God, who filled the ocean depths  
And set tides on their way  
Who caused mountains to be raised up  
And rainbows to display

Also says: "I have called you by name, you are mine."

God, who made the fertile earth  
And seed within to grow  
Whose artistry makes honeybees  
And early morning snow

Also says: "You are precious in my sight."

Beloveds, Go out into the world in peace, in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### SENDING SONG

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" *Red Book 843*

**DISMISSAL** Go in Peace; be gentle with yourself and respectful of others.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email [admin@redeemermilwaukee.org](mailto:admin@redeemermilwaukee.org) to set up an appointment with the pastor.**

### BIBLE STUDY

- There will be no Bible study this Monday.

### DONATIONS

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter at [finance@redeemermilwaukee.org](mailto:finance@redeemermilwaukee.org). She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.
- Please make sure any donations sent in are clearly marked for regular tithes or Forward in Faith.
- **If you are bringing a donation of clothing, please let the staff ok the donation first before putting it in the clothes pantry.**

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Jeff will be holding choir rehearsal for 30 minutes after Sunday services. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at [music@redeemermilwaukee.org](mailto:music@redeemermilwaukee.org).

### LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- Lunch is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at [operations@olganws.com](mailto:operations@olganws.com).

*We are all aware that Pastor Lisa's last day is quickly approaching. We'll be hearing, over the next couple of weeks, her seven last sermons. Here are the plans for those sermons:*

- Jan 4 - Stewardship of Self
- Jan 11 - Ah, Family. And Politics. And Faith.
- Jan 18 - One God, Many Paths?
- Jan 25 - All the Sex and Gender Stuff  
(RIC Sunday)
- Feb 1 - Keeping the Faith: Resilience and Tradition
- Feb 8 - Letter to the Next Pastor of Redeemer
- Feb 15 - It All Comes Down to This

