



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 05, 2020

**THE LIGHT HAS COME**

with

**Rev Sandra Cox**

~  
**OUR MISSION**

**TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:**

showing mercy,  
promoting justice,  
offering forgiveness,  
acceptance, and hope.

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(\*\* indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able.)  
(The congregation reads the words in bold print in unison.)

## Prelude

Welcome:        All are welcome in this place.  
                         All are welcomed by God's grace.

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Singing: VU 91 *The First Noel*

## Children's Church

### \*\*Call to Worship:

The magi came bearing gifts.

**We come bearing our gifts.**

Jesus, God's gift to us, came into a chaotic time  
with the promise of change.

**We come, hopeful that our gifts will bring a  
change to at least one person.**

Come and bring the most precious gift of all  
Your life offered in God's service.

**We come to worship God.**

### \*\*Prayer of Approach in unison

**God of the ages, as we face another calendar year,**

**We know that we tend to make great promises  
and grand resolutions.**

**We have resolved to change this**

**Or to do more of that,**

**yet we know how hard it is to change,**

**to live in a new way.**

**Help us and give us what we need**

**to be more and more the people**

**you have called us to be. Amen.**

\*\*Singing: VU 44 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

## News & Announcements

## Offering Invitation

Song during the Offering: VU 82 *A Light is Gleaming*

**\*\*Offertory Response:** VU 603 *In Loving Partnership v. 1*

**\*\*Offertory Prayer:** Star giver, Life bringer, Love sharer, bless these gifts we bring that your Light might shine more brightly, your Life be lived more abundantly, your Love be shared more abundantly, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

Prayer for Epiphany: VU 88

### The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Ministry of Music: *When Jesus Went to Egypt*

- offered by Gardia and Vanessa Voerman, Tony Mombourquette and John Lindsay-Botten, with Rev Sandra Cox on piano  
- words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2018; music by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

### Scripture:

Matthew 2:1-12

- *Florence Carman*

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

### Message:

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### Ministry of Music: *Wise Men Saw the Light*

### **\*\*Blessing:**

**\*\*Parting Song: VU 43 Go Tell it on the Mountain**

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Knox News & Reflections. We have an exciting year ahead!***

*Greeters: Bev Kyle, Ethel MacArthur, Boyd Hunter  
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