

**Lord’s Supper and Epiphany Blessings**      *For Everyone Born*      Shirley Erena May  
*There are 3 stations at the front of the sanctuary and a gluten-free station in the back. You are invited to come to the station nearest you to receive the bread and cup. Today we are receiving the Lord’s Supper by intinction, which means we will be dipping our bread into the cup. We also have pre-sealed cups available at the station in the back of the sanctuary if you prefer this way. After receiving the Lord’s Supper, you are also invited to take a “star word” from the basket on the communion table as an Epiphany blessing. If you would like to receive the Lord’s Supper where you are seated, a deacon will gladly bring the elements and a star word to you as you lift your hand. Children who would like to receive a blessing may come to the platform.*

Offertory

**\*The Doxology**      Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Announcements & Introduction and Welcome of New Members**      Elyse McMullen  
In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

**Spoken Benediction**      Meredith Stone

<b>*Sung Benediction</b>	I Will Follow	Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan
Where You go, I’ll go.	How You serve, I’ll serve.	
Where You stay, I’ll stay.	If this life I lose,	
When You move, I’ll move.	I will follow you, yeah!	
I will follow You.	I will follow you, yeah!	
Who You love, I’ll love.		

**Organ Postlude**      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*      Don Hustad

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As you exit today, the Deacons will receive an offering to meet the emergent needs of our community.

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**Welcome**      Elyse McMullen

<b>*Hymn of Hope</b>	<i>Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come</i>	Ruth Duck
		
1.A - rise, Your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show		
2.A - rise, Your light is come! Fling wide_ the pris - on door; pro -		
3.A - rise, Your light is come! All You_ in sor - row born, bind		
4.A - rise, Your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise		
forth the_ glo - ry of Your God which shines on You to - day.		
claim the_ cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.		
up the_ bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.		
up like_ eag - les on the wing; God's power will make us strong.		

**\*Opening Prayer**      Jon Singletary

*\*When the worship leader invites the congregation to stand, you are welcome to stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

\*Song of Assurance

*I Will Follow*

Tomlin, Ingram, & Morgan

1.All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You a - lone.  
2.Light un - to the world, Light un - to my life; I will live for You a - lone.

High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life: I will trust in You a - lone, in You  
You're the One I seek, know - ing I will find all I need in You a - lone,

a - lone. Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You.

Who You love I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

I will fol - low You, yeah. In You there's life ev - er - last - ing. In You there's

free - dom for my soul. In you there's joy, un - end - ing joy; and I will fol - low.

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 2:1-12,16-18*

Anna and Caroline Hogue

\*Hymn of Trust

*When There Is No Star to Guide You*

Tom Troeger

1.When there is no star to guide you and you can - not wait for day;  
2.Be a - lert to shifts in wea - ther; if it turns to cold and frost  
3.If you think you have dis - cov - ered with your lan - tern in the night  
4.You may some - times trip and stum - ble on a hid - den root or stone;

and your an - cient maps pro - vide you on - ly hints to find the way.  
hud - dle close - ly all to - geth - er, check if an - y have been lost.  
some clear path the dark has cov - ered let the oth - ers bring their light.  
but re - mem - ber as you grum - ble that you do not fall a - lone.

Keep with - in each oth - er's call - ing, mark each time you make a turn.  
List - en for a ri - ver flow - ing, feel for damp - er mov - ing air;  
Test your sin - gle lone per - cep - tion in their gath - ered shin - ing beams,  
And in risk - ing dark ex - pan - ses ne - ver marked on map or chart.

Shout for help if you are fall - ing, tell each oth - er all you learn.  
trace from where the wind is blow - ing, move on brave - ly but with care.  
What you saw may be pro - jec - tion fed by shad - ows, fears and dreams.  
you will find that faith ad - van - ces through the land - scape of your heart.

Children's Message

Wendi Singletary

\*Song of Purpose

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

African American Spiritual

1.I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2.In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3.When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Message

A Star Overhead

Meredith Stone

\*Song of Commitment

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Kathleen Thomerson

1.I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
2.I want to see the bright - ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.  
3.I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.  
Clear Sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In Him there is no dark - ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.