



**January 4, 2026**  
*Epiphany Sunday*

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Sharing an experience of belonging, with God's music and the love and justice of Jesus at the heart of what we do.

#### **Welcome**

Rachel Robicheau

**Opening Music:** We've Seen God's Face

#### **Guided Breath & Centering Moment**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

#### **Entry Into Worship**

Cassie Ramos

One: The star is still shining.

**Many: The journey is not over.**

One: Fear tried to stop it,  
fear of losing power,  
fear of change,  
fear of a child born outside the palace.

**Many: And fear does not have the final word.**

One: Wise ones followed the light anyway.  
They crossed borders.  
They asked dangerous questions.  
They refused to turn back the way they came.

**Many: Fear didn't stop them.  
Fear doesn't stop us.**

One: So come...  
with curiosity,  
with courage,  
with hope that keeps walking.

**Many: We come to worship the God  
who meets us on the move.**

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

Cassie Ramos

#### **Sacred Stories for All**

Jennifer Harris Dault

**Music:** Show Up

**Sermon:** Fear Doesn't Stop Us

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

**Music:** (Something Inside) So Strong

**Affirmation (Unison)**

Rachel Robicheau

**We believe in a God  
who reveals truth through light, not force,  
and calls seekers to move, not remain still.**

**We believe Jesus was born beyond the reach of empire,  
and yet empire feared him anyway.**

**We believe that though fear may shape the world...  
it does not determine the future.**

**We believe the Spirit still calls us  
to follow the light,  
to ask hard questions,  
and to take different roads  
when the familiar path leads toward harm.**

**We believe faith is not passive  
it is movement,  
it is courage,  
it is choosing wonder over fear.  
Fear doesn't stop God.  
Fear doesn't stop us.**

**Amen.**

**Offering Invitation**

Rachel Robicheau

**Communion**

**Pastoral Prayer (with 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Closing Music:** We Can't Give In to Hate and Fear

**Sending Forth**

Rev. Timoth Sylvia, Pastor  
Jeff Hobart, Director of Music Ministry

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WIDOWS' MIGHT, Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am:** Our monthly gathering of those that have lost a spouse or partner will meet in the Chapel.

**BRAVESPACE COFFEEHOUSE, Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 pm:** Join us for our BraveSpace CoffeeHouse! Enjoy an evening of creativity, community and connection to uplift and celebrate 2SLGBTQIA+ artists and their allies. This is a free event. Refreshments will be available to purchase to support future events.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Staff Meeting	Monday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm in the Chapel
Governing Board	Monday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm in the Chapel
Missions	Sunday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	After Coffee Hour in Memorial Hall

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