

EAGLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP FOR EPIPHANY

JANUARY 9, 2022

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place— **each of us on our own path.**

The path is winding, **and the path is not always clear,**
and the path changes, **but we are here.**

God is walking us home. **What a gift it is to not walk alone. Let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory, vs 1, 3, 4

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of changed plans, the Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.

We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.

Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy. Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home. Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation. Guide our steps to unfamiliar places. Hear the prayers in our hearts. *Silent reflection*

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there. So hear and believe this good news:

No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION

Home by another way

SONG OF RESPONSE

tune: *We Three Kings*, words by Anna Strickland @Sanctified Art

Magi from a faraway place
Radiant starlight setting their pace
Fording wadi, risking body,
Seeking a king's birthplace.

CHORUS O we have traveled night and day,
Meeting God where-e're we stay.
Paths are changing, rearranging
As we find another way.

Threatened by the good news they bring,
Herod plots to kill the new king.
Angels warning in the morning:

"Avoid Je-ru-sa-lem" CHORUS

Plans that change and storms that delay;
Dreams and hopes left in disarray
Make us tremble, but remember
There is another way. CHORUS

THAKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, having renewed our covenant with you. Bless the gifts we have given, and bless us for your work, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SONG OF RESPOSE

What Child Is This

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SENDING FORTH

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

HYMN OF SENDING

We Three Kings, traditional vs 5

Glorious now behold him arise;

King and God and sacrifice

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia

Sounds through the earth and skies

O...star of wonder, star of light,

Star with royal beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding,

Guide us to thy perfect light.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

COMING UP....

Methodist Men gather this coming Saturday, **January 15, 7am** at Family Table. Come, and bring a friend.

Wednesday after school activities will begin **January 19**.

Watch for emails and texts as ministry teams set times for January meetings. And always, always, pay attention to the weather, as well as how you may be feeling. We hope to have the office open Tuesdays, 10-11:30am in January and February. Road conditions and illness may change that. Give us a call before you stop.