

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 9, 2022
Epiphany



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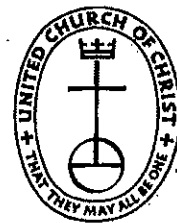
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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10:30 Worship

"Epiphany"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son..."*

-Psalm 72:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "Theme and Variations on We Three Kings"

Amy Crousore

John Henry Hopkins

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 8)

Lena Muench

Blessed be the LORD, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's glorious name forever.

**We pray for peace in this New Year;
For God's glory to fill the whole earth.**

Grant us your wisdom, O God;

Bring righteousness your people and justice to the poor.

**Help us bring deliverance to those in need;
The poor and those who have no helper.**

From oppression and violence God redeems us;

God brings hope to all God's precious children.

**This Epiphany we gather, experiencing a sudden revelation;
God's gift of Justice, Righteousness and Shalom.**

Come, let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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*Opening Prayer

Lena Muench

God of revelation; on Epiphany we celebrate that moment when the world suddenly saw and understood your presence in a new and different way, and we pray that we may be open to new and different ways of understanding your presence as well. Forgive us for the times when our eyes are shut and we cannot see your guiding star. Open our eyes and open our hearts so we may celebrate as those Magi did long ago, and proclaim your glory to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's blessings are revealed to us in new and different ways all the time; even when we fail to see them. But as we gather to praise and adore God, we know that as blessed children of God, we are forgiven for all our transgressions. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Response

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

"This Little Light of Mine"

*This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lena Muench

The prophet speaks about how God continually blesses God's people. Even in the midst of an exilic return and the political ramifications of that event, God is blessing the people of Israel an offering them new possibilities.

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 2:1-12

Lena Muench

In a story unique to Matthew's Gospel, the author talks of Magi coming from the East and praising the newborn Jesus. The focus here is not necessarily on the tribute they bring Jesus, but on the fact that they renounce Herod in the process. This is a very provocative story, as the Magi make political statements by their actions.

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Anthem:

"What Shall I Render?"

Glenn Burleigh

Brandon Brown, James Melton, David Meyer

Sermon:

"Rendering Tribute"

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

"As With Gladness"

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Mission Moment "City of Refuge" Mark Duncan
Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick
Presenting our Gifts

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You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

Offertory "Noel" Amy Crousore
Daquin

*Prayer of Dedication Lena Muench

God of joyous epiphanies, we give these gifts today, money and necessary items for City of Refuge, in the hopes that they may be used to reveal your presence in the world. As we bring forward our offerings and dedicate them to you, we pray for the refugees who will receive them, that they may build new lives here based on your promise of hope. We pray also for City of Refuge and their work with this community. Through these gifts we love your children in need, and love you back. Amen.

*Benediction Pastor Rick

*Response: "Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude "The First Noel" Amy Crousore
Thygerson

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Phil Dennis & Lorry Dreier
Technology Booth: Judi Privitt
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer
Council Steward: Sue Ann Schaefer

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers:
Technology Booth: Judi & Doug Privitt
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Hospitality: Connie Loveless
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Jessica Lucas

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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2022 giving envelopes are available. If you requested envelopes you can pick them up from Brent Marcks on Sundays or if you want to come by the church office during the week and pick them up April will help you out. If you haven't received envelopes in the past but are interested in receiving them in 2022 please contact Brent Marcks at brentmarcks@hotmail.com

CHILI COOKOFF

Our annual Chili Cookoff is today! Whether you prepared chili or not, stick around for fun and fellowship and sample various types of chili!

COMO VALUES DIVERSITY

The annual COMO Values Diversity Banquet will be Thursday, January 13 at 7:00am. This is a great event every year celebrating the diversity of the Columbia Community and encouraging us to strive for even more diversity. As usual, CUCC will sponsor a table. We have eight tickets available- if you want to attend, please talk to Tricia Price or Pastor Rick!

BOOK STUDY IN JANUARY

Pastor Rick will be hosting a Book Study for four weeks starting January 13. The book we will be studying is, "Better, Not Bitter;" by Yusef Salaam. More information was in the Friday email and in the January Communicator. You can get your copy in the church office or order it online. For more information, talk to Pastor Rick!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/9	<i>EPIPHANY- CHILI COOKOFF</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Chili Cookoff	12:00pm
Mon	1/10	Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	1/11	Quilters	10:00am
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	1/12	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:00pm
Thu	1/13	COMO Values Diversity Breakfast	7:00am
		Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		Book Study- "Better, Not Bitter"	6:30pm
Sun	1/16	<i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Jamy Preul... on their loss
The Williams/Piersee Family.. Celebrating the birth of August Williams!

Eddie Diel... regaining her strength after radiation therapy

Barry Kirchhoff... regaining strength at home

Heather Myers... recovering from a fall

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Eddie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Ricardo Mayoi... serving in Guatemala

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson

*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*

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We Three Kings

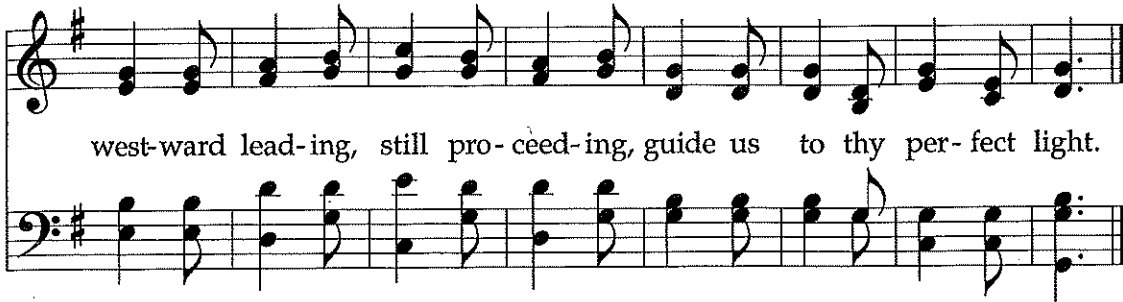
All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

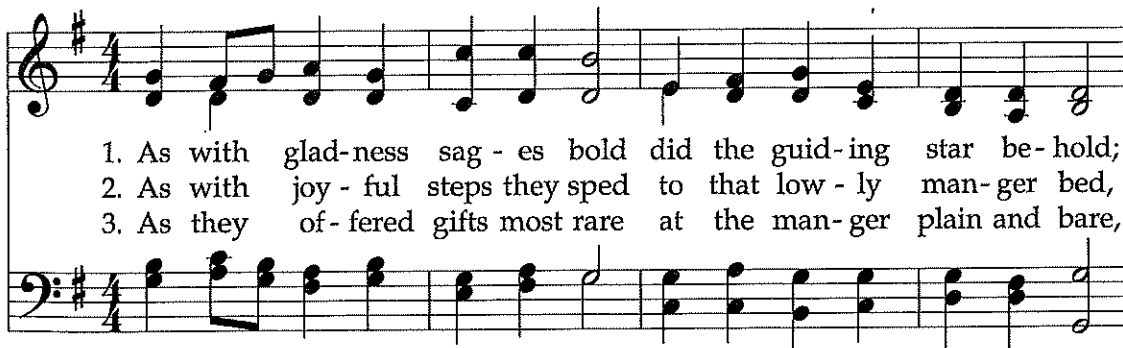
O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



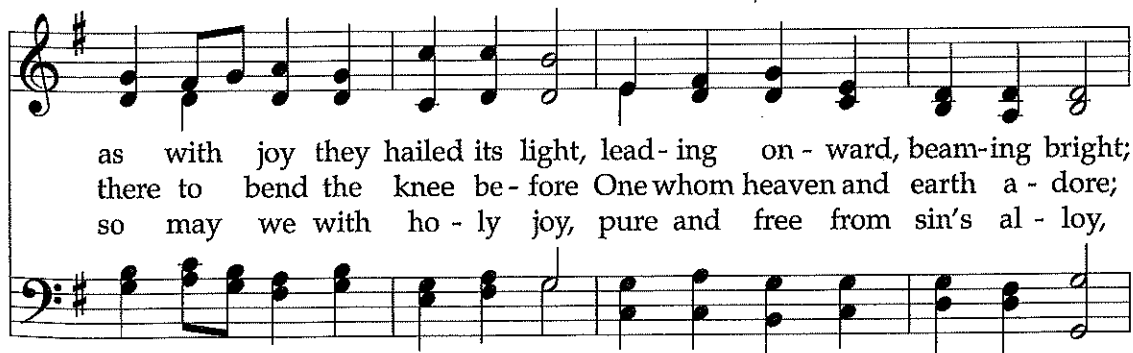
west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light.

As with Gladness

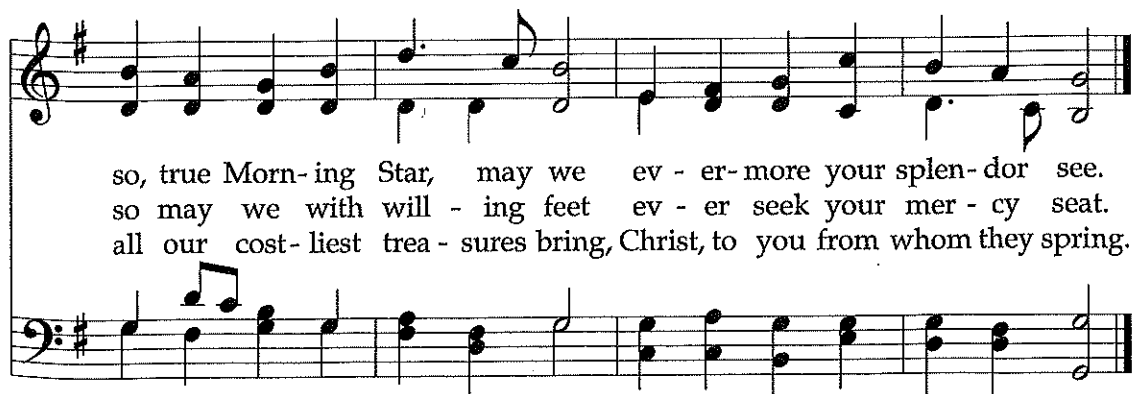
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1. As with glad-ness sag-es bold did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly man-ger bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at the man-ger plain and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore One whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,

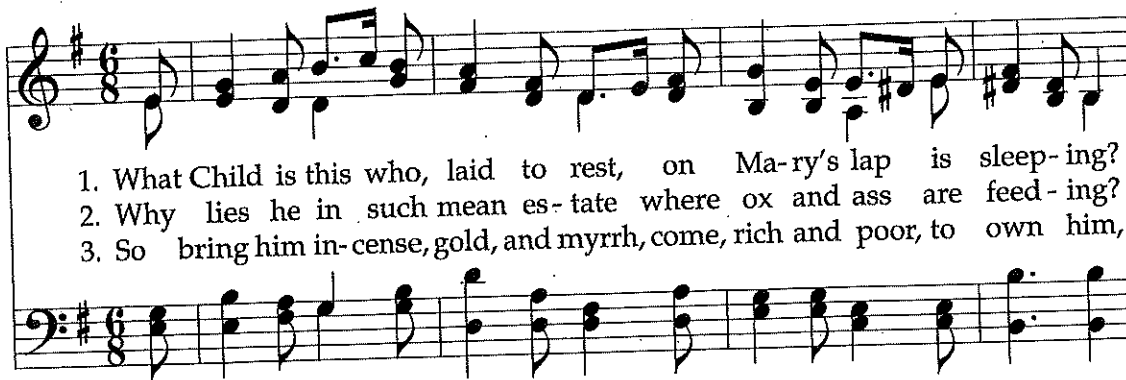


so, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev-er-more your splen-dor see.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

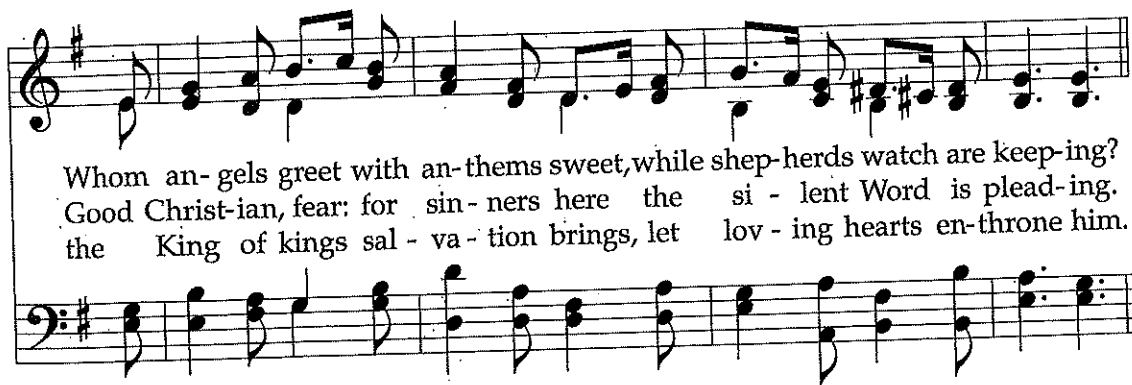
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 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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What Child Is This

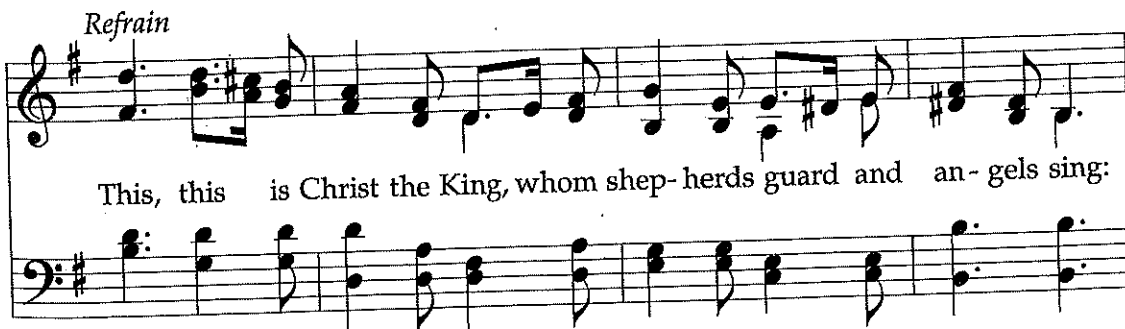


1. What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,



Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Christ-ian, fear: for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.

WORDS: William C. Dix, c. 1865
 MUSIC: English melody (16th century)

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