

# First Congregational Church of Winona

*United Church of Christ*

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 a.m.

January 9, 2022

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**Prelude**

Sandy Todd

**Invitation to Worship**

Rev. Danielle Bartz

**Chimes**

**Call to Worship**

**One:** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Many:** **We have seen the star in the sky and have come to worship the Christ Child.**

**One:** Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Many:** **The star is resting over Bethlehem, and we come rejoicing, overwhelmed with joy.**

**All:** **Let us bring the gift of our hearts and the gift of our lives to worship our God of light and everlasting love.**

**Morning Prayer**

O God of Light and Love, who shines in our hearts as brightly as the Bethlehem star, we come together to give you praise. You have come to us in the form of a newborn babe, and our hearts are filled with awe and with joy. We rejoice in your love for us, and we are grateful. Amen.

**Call for Offering**

**Anthem**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

O God, we come to you seeking to be as wise as the Magi, who gave of their most precious treasures – symbols of the giving of themselves to the Christ Child. May these gifts be a source of light in places where your light and love are needed most. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**Sermon**

*“Look to the Heavens”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*The Communion elements can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.*

*We will partake of them together. The bread is gluten-free and it is juice.*

*Please be sure to dispose of the packaging following worship.*

**Star Words**

**Announcements**

**Benediction and Blessings**

**Chimes**

**Postlude**