



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 8, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God

First Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music	Becky Cain, Accompanist Bethany Bevier, Guitar
Welcome	Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel
Call to Worship	Joe Mitter, Liturgist
Sung Response	<i>Gather Us, O God</i> Monica Brown

♩=42

D Em D Em

Gath-er us, O God,

A D

Bod - y, spir - it, soul and mind. Gath - er

Em G D

us, O God, one in un - ion now with you.

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Opening Song #160 *Jesus, the Light of the World* (music after Order of Service)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

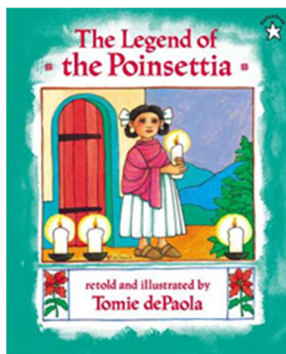
Matthew 2:1-15, NRSV

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Story



Quiet Meditation

Song

#164 Arise, Your Light is Come

(music after Order of Service)

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer

Ross Langmead



Come in your full - ness. We bring our long - ings.

Life - giv - ing God, hear our prayer.

Receiving Star Words

(receive your Star Word via Zoom chat)

Testimony of Faith

(unison)

We believe that faith is active,
found on long walks,
and in long talks,
in future days,
and down memory lane.

We believe that those who seek
will find, although it may not be what they expected.

We believe that God finds us first.

We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way
in the shape of people,
invitations,
and even starlight.

We believe that being a seeker—
of God, of justice, of community—
is a holy thing.

So we strive to live with an open spirit,
with soft hearts,
and with room to grow.

May it be so.

This we believe. Amen.

Time, Talent and Treasure

In Person: Collection plates are passed during worship. If you use an offering envelope, take one from the plate as it's passed.

Online: Please donate generously through alkiucc.org, through a mailed donation to the church office or through text-to-give by texting the word "AlkiUCC" to 44321; a donation link will come back to you. Your support for Alki is more important now than ever as Alki UCC seeks to be a prophetic voice for all people in the year ahead.

Announcements

Offering Invitation

Musical Offering

Doxology

#778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song

#157 *Brightest and Best*

(music after Order of Service)

Benediction

Sending Song

Peace I Leave with You

Gerard DeMan

$\text{♩} = 60$

D A D

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give un - to you.

G D/F# G A

Let not your heart be trou - bled, nei-ther let it be a - fraid.

D A D

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give un - to you.

G D G A D

1. Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you._____

Bm G D G A D

2. you. Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you._____

Hospitality Hour

Order of Worship Subject to Change; Music Covered by One License.net #A-7 10529
Liturgy from A Sanctified Art "Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."
Image: Flight to Egypt by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
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Portions of today's service are recorded for posting on Alki UCC's YouTube channel.

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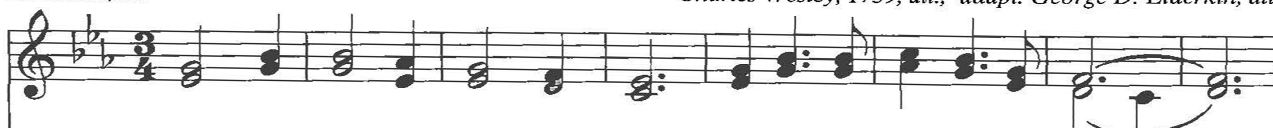
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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(Jesus, the Light of the World)

John 8:12; 9:5

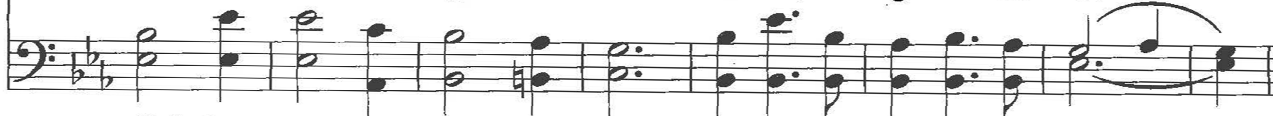
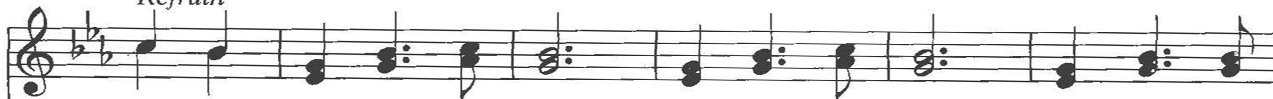
Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.; adapt. George D. Elderkin; alt.



1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 2 Joy-ful, all you saints a-rise, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 4 Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Je-sus, the light of the world;



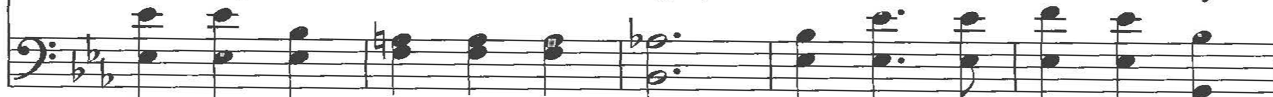
Glo-ry to the Christ-child bring, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Join the tri-umph of the skies, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Word, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the light of the world.

*Refrain*

We will fol-low the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the



dew-drops of mer-cy are bright, Shine all a-round us by



day and by night, Je-sus, the light of the world.



The original version of Charles Wesley's hymn has received various alterations throughout the years. This adaptation by George Elderkin utilizes a repeated ascription, "Jesus, the light of the world," and a refrain to create a rousing carol of praise.

Tune: ELDERKIN 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 George D. Elderkin
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

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Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Walter, 1872

Brightest and Best

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*Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.**Matt. 2:9-11; Luke 2:10-14*

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on the cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we not of - fer our cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,

dawn on our mid - night and lend us your aid.
 God's ho - ly Child with the beasts of the stall;
 fra - grance of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would we fa - vor se - cure;

Star of the East the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore while this ba - by lies sleep - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,

guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

An Anglican priest, Reginald Heber became bishop of Calcutta (including all of India), where he died of exhaustion at age forty-three. His Hymns (1827) was the first modern English hymnal arranged according to the church year.

Tune: MORNING STAR 11.10.11.10.
James P. Harding, 1892
 The New Psalms and Hymns, Richmond, Va., 1901
 Alternate setting: WALKER