

The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gather for the

## Worship of God

January 8, 2023, 9:30am: Epiphany Sunday

The Atwood Carillon Chiming the Hour

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you! Rev. Nathan A. Russell And also with you!

Rev. Russell

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... We lift them to the Lord! Meditation for Preparation

"During the day it is hard to remember that all the stars in the sky are out there all the time, even when I am too blinded by the sun to see them. While I am driving to the post office to pick up my mail, a shooting star could be flying right over the hood of my car. While I am walking to the library to return an overdue book, Orion's Belt could be twinkling right above me. It is always night somewhere, giving people the darkness they need to see, feel, and think things that hide out during the day."

-Barbara Brown Taylor, Learning to Walk in the Dark

Hymn of Praise

Invocation

As with Gladness

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Hymn of Prayer

Lovely Star in the Sky

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Mr. Mark Mathes

Prayers of the People

God of planets and stars... **Light up our path.** 

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Sung Response 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Mr. Don Hange, Jr

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Invitation to Stewardship

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Mr. Collins

Offertory

The Solid Rock Medley

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Doxology Doxology KINGS OF ORIENT Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice: alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leaning, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

The Reading

## Matthew 2:1-12 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.

Rev. Russell

Sermon

Chasing a Star

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

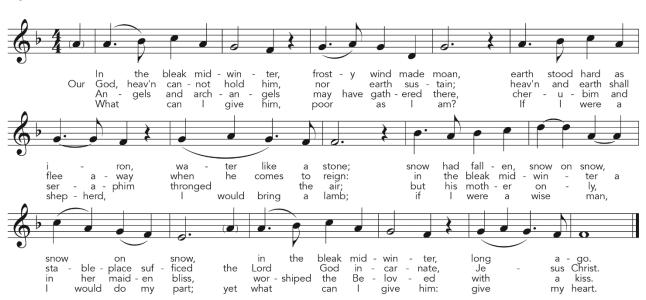
"The light of epiphany is unpredictable; so the followers of this manifestation must be open to going in whichever direction it leads."

-Rev. Ryon Price

Hymn of Communion

In the Bleak Midwinter<sup>1</sup>

**CRANHAM** 



Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Another Year Is Dawning<sup>2</sup>

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## Another Year Is Dawning



Postlude We Three Kings Mr. Collins
And all the people said...

AMEN!

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

Today's artwork is Advent Starry Night by Virginia Wieringa; virginiawieringa.com

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sunday, January 8: 11:00am: Congregational Meeting

11:30am: Welcome Reception for Glennis Covault 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship

Monday, January 9 7:00pm: Children Worship & Wonder

Tuesday, January 10 7:30am: Upper Room Gathering via Zoom\*

5:30pm: Elders' Meeting in the Dining Room 7:00pm: Board Meeting in the Music Room

Wednesday, January 10 10:00am: Worship Committee De-Decorating Party

7:00pm: the Alternative: YouTube Premiere

Thursday, January 12 10:00am: Social Hour via Zoom\*

\*Register by emailing office@waccelyria.org



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us in-person and/or online. Scan this QR code with a smartphone to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make an online contribution.

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