

Refrain

**Then entered in those wise men three,
fell reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in His presence,
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.**

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***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Response: “Shalom”**

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Usher:	Maurine Huang
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Sound System:	Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator:	Judy Yee



The Celebration of Worship

January 9, 2022 • Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Kishwer Vikaas
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis

Prelude

Wade Tambara

***Introit**

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

***Opening Hymn: “As with Gladness Men of Old” (#63)**

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming
bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth
adore; So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our
costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when
earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

** Those who can, please rise*

Invitation to Confession

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our own hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let's confess our sins before God and each other.

Prayer of Confession

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Gracious God, our Guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction.

People: We are easily confused, distracted, and lose our way in life. Our comfortable lives convince us we don't need to follow Jesus.

Leader: Our fear of other's beliefs and cultures convinces us that we don't need to share your grace with them.

All: God of glory, You sent Jesus as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. Forgive us for staying safe in our comfort zones when the world is in desperate need of Your love and light. Empower Your church to shine as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: By a bright star God led the wise ones to worship Jesus, the light of the world. In Him, God's grace has dawned upon the world with healing for humankind.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Response to God's Forgiveness**

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

A Visit from the Wise Ones

***Doxology**

All: 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**

Kishwer Vikaas

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "The First Nowell" (#56, Verse 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)**

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

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And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

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This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-3

Kishwer Vikaas

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Only Room for One King”

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the wise men secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

*Time for silent reflection***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Kishwer Vikaas

***Reflection Hymn: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (#66)**

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: **O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Verse 2 - Solo*Refrain***Verse 3 - Solo***Refrain***Verse 4 - Solo***Refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain***Unison Prayer of Guidance**

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Reading: Micah 5: 2, 4

Mieko Davis

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.