

of our failures the shadows through which we stumble. Transform our inadequate gifts, that they may be an acceptable sacrifice of praise, and transform our lives to reflect more deeply your justice and joy in the life of the world. Amen.

**\*\*POSADA SONG** (see insert)

**\*\*APOSTOLIC BLESSING**

**\*\*SENDING FORTH** (in unison)

Holy One, you have come among us to lead us in paths of righteousness. Guide our feet through the wilderness toward the living water of your grace, following in the steps of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" **UMH No. 234**  
(Refrain)

**\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL**

**\*\*POSTLUDE** "NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE" *setting by Paul Manz*



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## Viroqua United Methodist Church

### Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes on behalf of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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## Epiphany Sunday

## January 2nd, 2022

### 10:30 a.m.

January 2, 2022

## Epiphany Sunday

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

\*\*Please stand if you are able

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” *setting by John A. Behnke*

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT “INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY” CHOIR

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. The heavens are telling the glory of God

P. May our worship reflect God’s glory.

L. The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

P. May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

L. Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

P. We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

L. With Christians across geography and across time,

P. Let us worship!

\*\*HYMN “WE THREE KINGS” UMH NO. 254

\*\*OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

God of light, shining in darkness through a little child born in Bethlehem, you open to us the treasure of your grace. Help us to search diligently for Him, so that we may offer our lives to you with thanksgiving, joy, and praise, through Jesus Christ, the rising star. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE “BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM” *by Pace & Boyce*

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 60: 1-6 PEW BIBLE NO. 877

\*\*GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 2: 1-12 PEW BIBLE NO. 1138

MEDITATION “STAR WORDS” PASTOR ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES

PRAYER OF REAFFIRMATION

Gift-giver, you call us together, with our different gifts, our different ideas,

our different tastes. You call us together, to share what makes us special, to build each other up, to serve each other in love. You call us together, knowing that we need all parts of the body if we are to be whole. You call us together, to sing, to pray, to listen, to speak; to be refreshed so that we can go out and serve. Be with us, walk with us, stay with us. Amen.

\*\*HYMN OF REAFFIRMATION “THERE’S A SONG IN THE AIR” UMH NO. 249

THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L. God you have given each of us many gifts,

P. but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.

L. God you remind us that all gifts are needed,

P. but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.

L. God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

P. but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.

L. God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body,

P. We offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace.

SPECIAL MUSIC “WHERE HAVE ALL THE SHEPHERDS GONE?” *Handel, Seeger*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L. God is the giver of MANY gifts. God is the Creator of the ONE body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all. God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

ALL. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING ANTHEM “KEEP THE GLOW OF CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART”  
*by Lois Solie Johnson* SUNG BY SANDY SKARDA

\*\*OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer you our gold: the morning on the wing, the glow on the faces of children at play, the shining moments that brighten our lives. We offer you our frankincense: the quiet reassurance of familiar things, the grace of care and friendship, the blessing of bread and our heart’s yearning in prayer. We offer you our myrrh: the ashes of our dreams, the bitter taste