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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1st, 2023, 10:00 am

Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Introit:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 vs.1

The lighting of the Christ Candle

* **Hymn:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 vs.4

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship:**

Arise and shine, for your light has come!

The Light of Christ has risen upon you.

Lift up your heart!

We rejoice in the gift of light.

Come let us worship our God of joy and peace.

**We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe - truth
and love incarnate.**

God's light has come upon us. Let us worship!

* **Hymn:** "Arise, Your Light is Come" VU #79

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Will You Come and See the Light" VU #96

Scripture:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the magi

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: I Heard the bells on Christmas Day

Offered by Thea Koenig-Burton

Message: By Another Way *Rev. Don Sellsted*

* **Hymn:** "I am the Light of the World" VU #87

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "We Give You but Your Own" VU #542

Offertory Prayer:

**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts
to further your work in a distressed world.**

**May they bring your light to those overcome
by anxiousness, pain, and loneliness.**

**With these gifts we also give the gift of our very
selves. Let them shine for all to see and be brought
into the sphere of your love and righteousness.**

Amen

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "May God's Sheltering Wings" MV #214

* **Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

*** Hymn:**

“Amen”

VU #967

Postlude