**Worship Prayer…**

 Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit’s power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your *living Word. In Jesus’ name….Amen!*

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* *Live God’s Word!*

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**Epiphany**

January 8th, 2023

10:00 am Service

***‘Come grow with us!’***

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## ***WE REJOICE IN GOD’S LOVE & FORGIVENESS…***

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## Opening Prayer

## Praise Song   *“Arise, Shine”*

  *“As With Gladness Men of Old”*

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness *On screen or Hymnal p. 158*

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

***WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD…***

## Today’s Psalm *Psalm 72:1-11*

Scripture Readings *Facing page*

Message Song *“We Three Kings”*

Video *Christmas Food Court Flash Mob, Hallelujah Chorus*

youtube.com/watch?v=SXh7JR9oKVE 0:00 to 4:45

Message *“All Kings and Nations”*

***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL…***

Prayers of God’s People

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song *“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”*

*Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance*

***“******All Kings and Nations”***

 Psalm 72 says: *“May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.”* On Epiphany Sunday we echo Solomon’s prayer…

***1) We pray all people see Christ’s LIGHT.***

 **3**Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn… **6**And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord. Isaiah 60:3, 6b

***2) We pray all people receive Christ’s LOVE.***

 **8**Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, **9**and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. Ephesians 3:8-9

***3) We pray all people bow before Christ’s LORDSHIP.***

 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2**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.” **3**When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4**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. **5**“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: **6**“‘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.’” **7**Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8**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.”

**9**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. **10**When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11**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. **12**And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2:1-12