

## WE GO OUT

### Closing Hymn

*We Three Kings*

#27(booklet)

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Postlude in G*

Peterson

Our ushers today are Annmarie Pendola, Steve Riley, Raden Sorli-Hawk, and Jeff Law.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by Karen & Paul Harrington remembering Paul's sister, Kim Harrington Doucette, with love.

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Social and Environmental Ministries Team.



#### **CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

The Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff, Senior Pastor  
Laraine Wilson, Director of Faith Formation  
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Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School  
Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**10:00 AM**

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

**January 8, 2023**

## WE GATHER

### Prelude

*A Quiet Blessing*

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-6

Larainne Wilson

Opening Hymn

*O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright*

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## WE PROCLAIM

### Mini Message

Larainne Wilson

## The Word in Music

*Be Still, Look Up and Listen*

Patterson

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

"Baby Steps?"

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

## WE PRAY

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## THE OFFERING

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Out Of Love, He Broke The Bread*

Harlan

\*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Living God, whom we adore**

Prayer of Dedication

## HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Hymn

*At the Font We Start Our Journey*

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Verses. 1, 3

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God, in the brightness of your light we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to avoid earthly distractions and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Blessing of the Elements

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

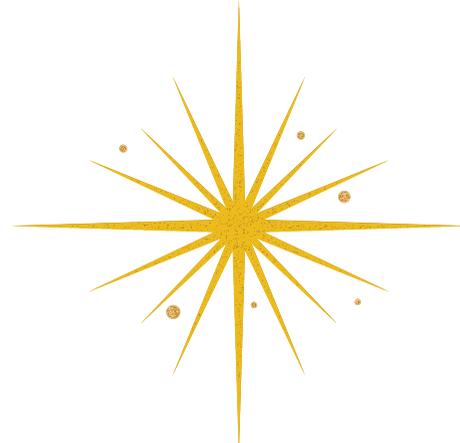
**Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen**

**Star Words for 2023**

***O Morning Star,  
How Clear and Bright***

1 O Morning Star,  
how clear and bright,  
your beam shines forth  
in truth and light!  
My Sovereign meek and lowly!  
O Root of Jesse,  
Promised One,  
my God and Ruler,  
you have won  
my heart to serve you solely!  
You are holy,  
great and glorious,  
all-victorious,  
Rich in blessing,  
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2 Come heavenly Brightness,  
Light divine,  
and deep within  
my heart now shine,  
there make yourself an altar!  
Fill me with joy  
and strength to be  
your member, joined eternally  
in love that cannot falter;  
Longing for you  
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turn and bless me;  
Here in sadness  
eye and heart long  
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***At the Font We Start Our Journey***

At the font we start our journey,  
in the Easter faith baptized;  
doubts and fears no longer blind us,  
by the light of Christ surprised.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hope held out and realized.

At the altar we are nourished  
with the Easter gift of bread;  
in our breaking it to pieces  
see the love of Christ out-spread.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Life embraced, yet freely shed.



***We Three Kings***

1 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 light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]



3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

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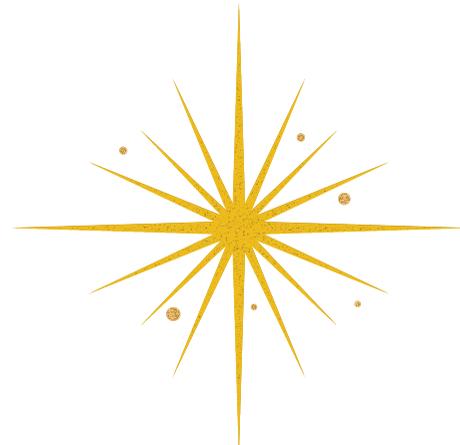
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breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
[Refrain]

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King and God and sacrifice:  
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