

HYMN - 'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime
(VU 71)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING



Music During the Offering:

Wondrous Star

arr. by Gene Griere and Lowell Everson

Duet - Phyllis Rugg, Mary Lou Beck

COMMUNION

HYMN - A Light Is Gleaming (VU 82)

CHOIR BENEDICTION *God Be In My Head*

Words from the Sarum Primer, 1558 Music: Benjamin Harlan

POSTLUDE



KNOX UNITED CHURCH
January 7th, 2018

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 82) (vs. 1 & 3)

Bathe Me in Your Light

*Bathe me in your light, O God of all, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul
with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright
through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live
in faith, in your embrace.*



words: John Oldham, 2002, music: Ron Klusmeier, 2002

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN - *Here I Am, Lord*
(VU 509)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES



GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

HYMN - *Arise, Your Light Is Come* (VU 79)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HOLY CONVERSATION

In God we are blessed with many life-blessings, yet what separates us from each other often begins with being afraid. From our fear of insecurity, too often we take advantage of others, or act mostly for ourselves to protect what we have. Out of our fear of loneliness, we manipulate others into relationships that are not always mutual or life-giving, where power and control are not equal. In our fear that we are not enough and that we don't measure up, we try too hard to prove ourselves, and damage other people or damage our world as we go. In

our fear that others might want more than we think we can give, we shut people out or turn away and fail to see the humanity we share with them. We have so many fears that keep us in a place of separation.

(Silent prayer)

With the Spirit of holiness alive within us, may we be healed of our fears, and learn again to walk that path of courage and compassion for which we yearn as followers of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN - *Once in Royal David's City* (VU 62)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Scriptures **Isaiah 60:1-6** (VU 886)

"Arise, shine, your light has come"

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi story



ANTHEM ***Thou Dost Guide***

Words: John M. Neale, 1818-1866,
Music: Karin Weinhardt Englund, 1857-1922 Arr. Marie Pooler

REFLECTION