

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, January 6th, 2019

Epiphany

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT

**indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *The Old Year Now Has Passed Away* J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP ...Jay Poitras

People of God, come! It is a new season, a new year!

**We come in gratitude for the hope, peace, joy, and love
that are gifts of every new day.**

Turn away from the old in search of possibilities God offers.

**Like the Magi, we are sometimes burdened by reality,
and we seek another direction.**

Let us arise to the great light that illumines the pathway home.

Arise! Shine! Our light has come!

Please rise to sing:

**VOICES UNITED 91 *The First Nowell*

Verse 3 – choir only; Verse 5 – choir only

**PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SHARING TIME *Our Wise Ones*

VOICES UNITED 74 *What Child Is This?*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS ...Martha Reynolds

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(A Paraphrase – unison)*

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

SEEKING TO GROW IN THE LIGHT

VOICES UNITED 886 Isaiah 60 ...Mary Carey

VOICES UNITED 97 *When a Star Is Shining*

**GOSPEL BIBLE READING Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 2, NT)

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON TURNING POINTS

1. The Magi

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING IN CARE AND INCLUSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ancient Peoples Searched the Sky* S. A. Morris

**VOICES UNITED 55, verse 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REACHING OUT WITH THE LIGHT

**VOICES UNITED 81 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

**WORDS OF COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Swiss Noel* L. C. Daquin

PORT NELSON United Church



Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.