

## “Detours”

### Welcome & Announcements

*(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)*

### Prelude

#### + Call to Worship

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery.

**Visit our rest with disturbing dreams and our journeys with strange companions.**

Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom, bearing profound and unusual gifts.

**Amen.**

+ Hymn UMH 254, vs. 1-4  
*We Three Kings*

#### + Passing the Peace

### Prayer of Confession

Strangers, foreigners, outsiders—names we give those whose ways unsettle us, or those we fear for changes they may bring.

**O God, help us remember that your people were strangers, foreigners, outsiders in Egypt, Canaan and Babylon.**

Strangers, foreigners, outsiders—too often we ignore their wisdom or discount their understandings.

**O God, help us remember that the magi were outsiders who came to honor Jesus because of their insights.**

Strangers, foreigners, outsiders—we define them as “other” so we can keep our distance, so we can withhold our empathy.

**O God, help us remember that there are no strangers, foreigners, or outsiders, for you have made us all, and in you we are all one. Forgive us when we draw in our circles tightly and forget that you are the maker of diversity here on earth, and in the vast cosmos of galaxies and stars.**

*[Silence for Reflection]*

### Words of Affirmation

God brings together people of different nations, different languages, different classes, different ages, different viewpoints, and replaces division with forgiveness and conflict with love. God forgives and loves you that you might be one with all

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Children’s Message

Special Music Cindy Seabright

### Joys, Concerns & God Moments

Call to Prayer TFWS 2095, 1-3, 5  
*Star Child*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Lord’s Prayer

Hymn UMH 219  
*What Child is This*

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Rev. Dempewolf  
*Detours*

### Offertory

+ Offertory Response UMH 245, vs. 1-2  
*The First Noel*

#### + Offertory Prayer

**As the magi of old, guided by a light in the night sky, brought gifts of gratitude to God, so we bring our gifts. May these gifts be a source of light to those in need. Amen.**

### Invitation to Holy Communion

Come, all who journey in faith: bring your lives, fragile and holy. There is a place for you here.

**We come to this table, ready to see anew.**

God of all, some travelers once journeyed together beneath a fiery star to seek the treasure of their hearts. Kneeling in a stable they found the gift they sought.

**In this season, we also set out seeking signs of your presence, and remembering how this child of Bethlehem broke bonds of oppression to pour out compassion for all.**

### Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**May your Spirit, shared in bread and cup, open us to peace, hope, joy, love, and light. May we live as people formed by Christ, and may we show his radiance in our daily lives. Amen.**

**+ Hymn** UMH 585

*This Little Light of Mine*

**+ Blessing**

**+ Postlude**

**Appreciative Inquiry** | Today, during coffee hour, individuals will be visiting tables to go over the Appreciative Inquiry.

**Confirmation** | Wednesday, January 9 at 7 pm | Welcome back!

**UMW** | There is no UMW meeting in January. See you in February!

**New Congregational Care Team** | First meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15 at 10 am | The goal of the group is to visit those in need, and meet every couple of months. Everyone is welcome to join.

### FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS 12/30/2018:

Needed for budget	\$3,741.55
Offering	\$4,131.00
Attendance	48

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### Epiphany Sunday

