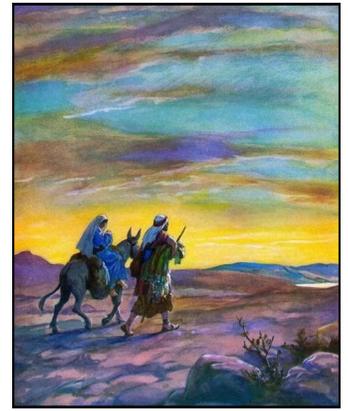


Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
Epiphany
January 4, 2026
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude : “**We Three Kings**”

The Call to Worship: *(by Elizabeth Nanninga & Joanna Harader, adapted):*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will be glad and rejoice in it.

This is the year that the Lord has begun.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Lord’s great love and compassion never fail. They are new every morning.

Great is God’s faithfulness.

Let’s praise the Lord, creator of time and space, for everything God does will endure forever.

Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

*The Opening Hymn: “**Morning Has Broken**” UMH #145

Opening Prayer *(UMH Hymnal, page 231)*

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the baby born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship, for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 126** **Old Testament pg. 683**
 Philippians 3: 10-16 **New Testament pg. 268**

A Time for Children

Meditation in Music “**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**” UMH #140

The Message: “**Relying on God’s Faithfulness**”

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Affirmation of Faith—Nicene Creed **UMH # 880**

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

*The Closing Hymn: **“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH # 251**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **“May the Love and Laughter”** Composer, Ralph Cheney



Please pray for:

Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman Beckwith
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph's grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Dwight Cooper
Betty Crocker
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Barbara Dill
Donna & Mike DiTaranto

Crystal Farris
Armand Fournier
Harold and Lynn Gerard
Todd Goode
Connie Greenleaf
Kay Gregory
Russell Hickey
Nancy Holmes
Vicky Kelley
Ray Ladd
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark Leonard
Audrey Littlefield
Emily Long's gram
Lois, sister-in-law of Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
Steve McNelly

Judy Meserve's cousins
Jim Meserve
Kathy Meserve
Ellen Minotty
Tony Morgan
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Jessie Powell
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Alton Ranks
Tanya Russell
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Flo Sutter

Laverne & Tim Tardiff
Michel Tessier
Patsy Tessier
Randy and Lisa Thibeau
Rhoda Thombs
Rick Thombs
Tracy Trott
Samantha Dunn Walker
Lorna Ulmer's brothers
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise
People of the Middle East
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural Disasters