

Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

**Children in Worship** You are welcome to use our church nursery with your children during today's worship service. Our nursery staff will return on January 8. We also have preschool-upper elementary Sunday School during both services resuming on January 8

**A Disciple's Path Small Group** If you're new to the church or simply looking for a way to grow in your faith and connection with CUMC, join us for a 3-week study of A Disciple's Path by James Harnish. Led by our pastors, we'll meet Sundays from 12:15-1:30 pm on January 15, 22 and 29 with a simple lunch provided. Contact the church office to join the group. The companion reader is available for \$7 through the church or you can purchase on your own. Contact Pastor Jenny or Pastor Kirkland with any questions or to RSVP for the group.

**Children's Ministry Volunteers** Our Children's Ministry is growing! We need volunteers to help provide a safe & fun experience for our youngest disciples. You can help for as little as an hour a month. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/wintervols>

**Thrift on Fifth** Thrift on Fifth is back on our regular schedule. Come and find warm and wonderful items!

**Office Closed** In observance of the New Year's holiday, the church office and building will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. Please contact Jack Jefferson, Director of Operations, with any questions or for scheduling events.

**The 2023 Upper Room Disciplines Daily Devotional** is now available for purchase in the church office. Small print is \$10 and large print is \$12. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room and \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle.

**Saturday Noon Meals** Saturday Noon Meals has begun serving meals in person in Wesley Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please [contact](#) Kathy Lombardo.



Christ United Methodist Church  
*Creating committed Christ-followers for the transformation of the world.*

## *10am Epiphany Service*



*January 1, 2023*

# Epiphany Service

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Jenny Cannon  
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

## Call to Worship

(responsive)

One: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...

Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear  
into this space.

**All: God is here!**

**Opening Hymn** “Go Tell it on the Mountain” UMH 251

## Children’s Message

Rev. Amanda Larsen

## Invitation to Offering

**Offertory Music** “I Saw the Light”

## Morning Prayers

All: You hear us calling (x2)

Abba Father

You hear us calling (x2)

Holy Mother

God have mercy, Christ have mercy (x2)

## Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

## Message

“Gifted”

Rev. Jenny Cannon  
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

## Holy Communion & Candlelighting

All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free available.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sharing the Peace

Words of Remembrance

The Lord's Prayer

**Musical Offering** “We Don’t Talk about Bruno”

Encanto

**Closing Song** “Auld Lang Sayne”

## Blessing

+ - communion liturgy adapted from Miran Tirabassi and Todd Jenkins



## Congregational Prayers

For the renewal of hope that a new year brings

Gratitude for help from friends

For those who suffered losses in the blizzard

Comfort for Heather Moe on the death of her Uncle Tim on December 24

For Jody Peterson, on the death of her brother Christian Lindman, on  
December 26