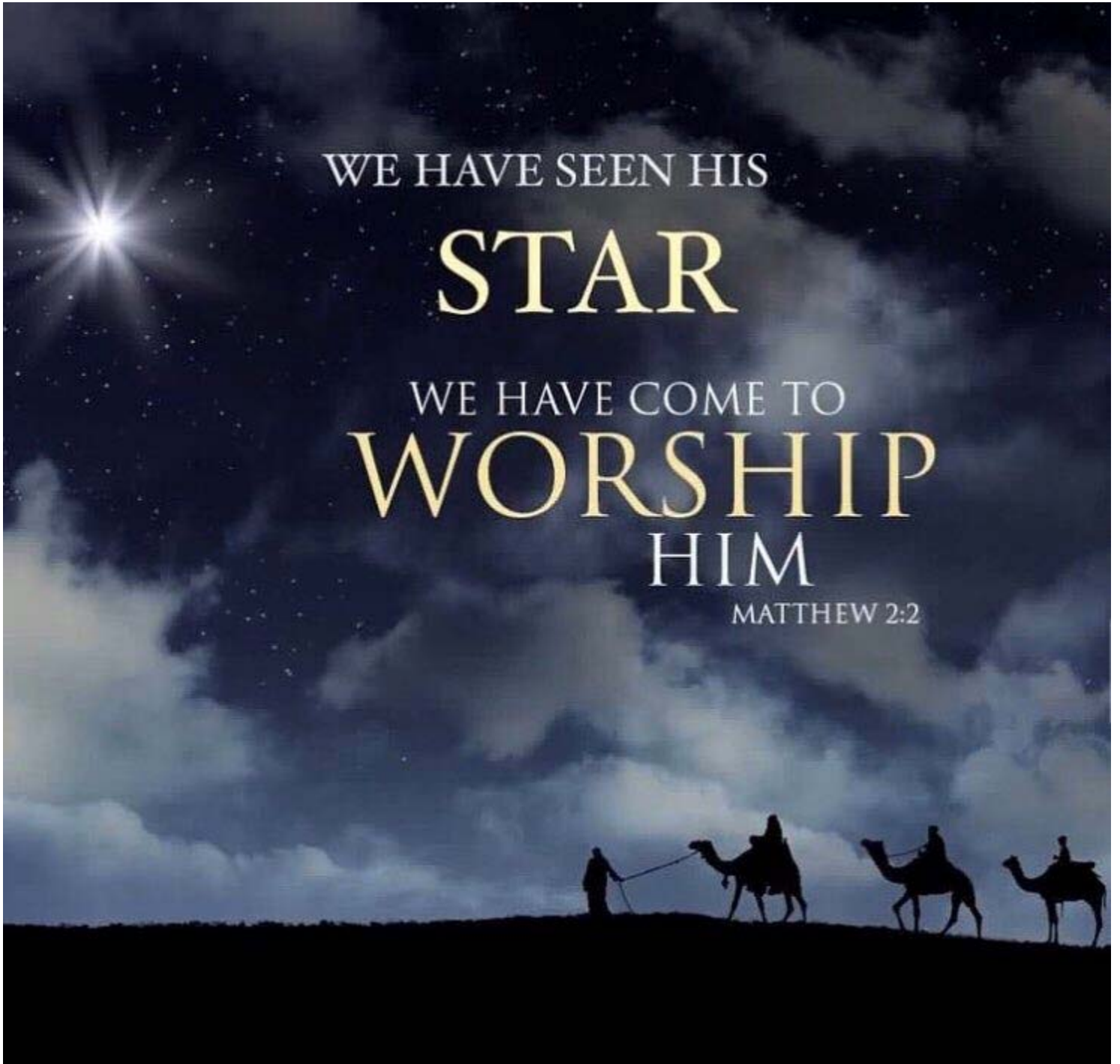


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WE HAVE SEEN HIS

STAR

WE HAVE COME TO

WORSHIP

HIM

MATTHEW 2:2

North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Dietrich Buxtehude

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Jesus Shall Reign" **V330**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

**PEOPLE: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.**

Leader: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those magi journeyers of old,

**PEOPLE: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.**

Leader: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

**PEOPLE: We offer ourselves and what we have.**

Leader: The story continues. The good news abounds.

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad!\*\***

**\*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Radiant God, light for all people and all places, **V86**  
by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child.  
By the light of faith, lead us to worship you in peace and love,  
and guide us in your way.

We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world.## Amen.

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI **P513****

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

Radiant God, the nations are drawn to your light. The sound of your praise is heard around the world, for you have come in Jesus Christ, friend of the forsaken and the help of the homeless. We rejoice in your great love for the world. With people of all nations, we praise you. Glory be to you, O God!\*\* Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

Choral Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Karlee Etter

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 60:1-6

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\* **HYMN:** "Let There Be Light"

**V679****THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 2:1-12 Page 1147

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:**

*We'll Walk in the Light (Jesus, the Light of the World)*

Words and Music: George D. Elderkin, 1890

Sung by The Chancel Choir

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the light of the world.

**SERMON:** “Home by a Different Road”

Scott Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Choral Response

**THE OFFERTORY:** *As With Gladness Men of Old*

Albert Beck

\*Doxology

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GREETING OF PEACE** ~unison

*May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!*

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”

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**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *March of the Magi Kings*

Theodore Dubois

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Guest Organist** is Gail DeBoer.

**Fellowship Hour** will be in Carroll Hall after Worship.

**Today's flowers** are given by Kathy Harple, In loving memory of my dad Warren Harple who would have been 93 on the 5th. Although you are greatly missed you live in our hearts forever. Love you.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Mabel Peterson, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, and Ellen Robert.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Kyle Brock 01/09, Joyce Bellonio 01/12, Neil Reardon 01/13, Diane Lacobelli 01/15, Joanne Nottingham 01/15.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 29**, and the Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 22.

**Interfaith Service Commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on Fri. Jan. 13.** Congregation Mishkan Israel will hold its annual interfaith service to remember and celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and his legacy. The service will be, led by Rabbi Brian Immerman and will be in-person and online. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Deitra Reiser, PhD. The service is scheduled for 7-9pm Friday, January 13. All are welcome, either in-person or online. For more information and the link to the livestream, go to [cmihamden.org/calendar](http://cmihamden.org/calendar).

**Guest Preacher January 15** – The Reverend Marilyn Baugh Kendrix will preach in our worship service on January 15. Reverend Kendrix has served as the Interim Conference Minister of the Rhode Island Conference, UCC, and as a Bridge Conference Minister in the founding of the Southern New England Conference, UCC. Prior to her Conference work, Reverend Kendrix served as Associate Pastor at the Church of the Redeemer UCC in New Haven. Reverend Kendrix has preached from our pulpit before; she preached and led a discussion about the subject of mass incarceration and the book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. Her sermon in January will address systemic racism and the controversy over Critical Race Theory.

**38th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast on Jan.16**

The Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Foundation of Branford, will be held on Monday, January 16, at 8:30am. This will be a virtual event. The keynote speaker will be newly appointed U.S. Attorney for the State of CT Vanessa Roberts Avery. She will discuss “Learning to Live Together ” with Keith Kountz, News Channel 8. Atty. Avery, a New Haven native, is the first African American woman to hold this position. For tickets and sponsorship info go to: [Facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee), or email [MLKHeritageFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:MLKHeritageFoundation@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45 12:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP– (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> CONFIRMATION OASIS:Good Vibes only (SGC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> Music Together (Dbl)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30 3:30 6:00 7:00 7:30	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Al-Anon District Family (CH) MLB-BUDGET REVIEW (L)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 5:15 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 5:00 p.m. 7:00 7:00	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) OASIS Winter Retreat Danish Brotherhood (K) MLK Service (Congregation Mishkan Israel)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom) Music Together (Dbl)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP– (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> Guest Preacher: Reverend Marilyn Baugh Kendrix

\*Small print indicates non-Church function  
**Bold print starts new day.**

**MISSION**

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

**VISION**

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

**VALUES**

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Todd Swarney, Sexton



\*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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Descant

4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 3 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; and pris - oners  
 4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - ment

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - ment

1 Let there be light, let there be un - der - stand - ing,  
 2 o - pen our lips, o - pen our minds to pon - der,  
 3 per - ish the sword, per - ish the an - gry judge - ment,  
 4 hal - low our love, hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs,

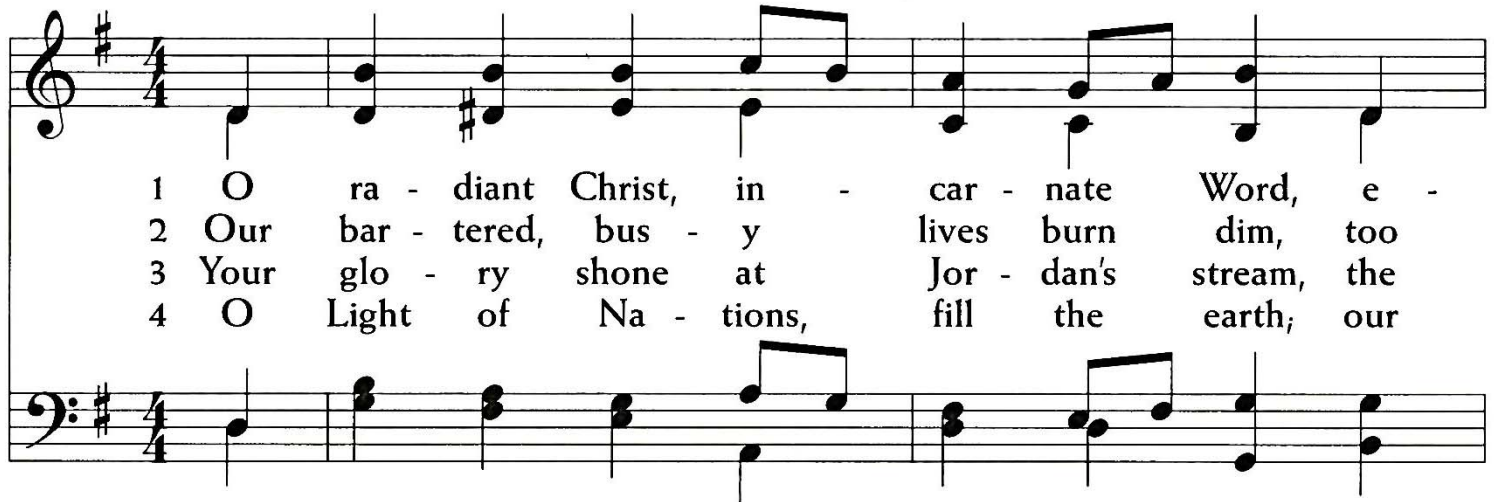
let all the na - tions gath - er, let them be face to face;  
 o - pen the door of con - cord o - pen - ing in - to grace;  
 per - ish the bombs and hun - ger, per - ish the fight for gain;  
 hal - low their ho - ly free - dom, hal - low - ed be your name;

5 your kingdom come,  
 your spirit turn to language,  
 your people speak together,  
 your spirit never fade;

6 let there be light,  
 open our hearts to wonder,  
 perish the way of terror,  
 hallow the world God made.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word"

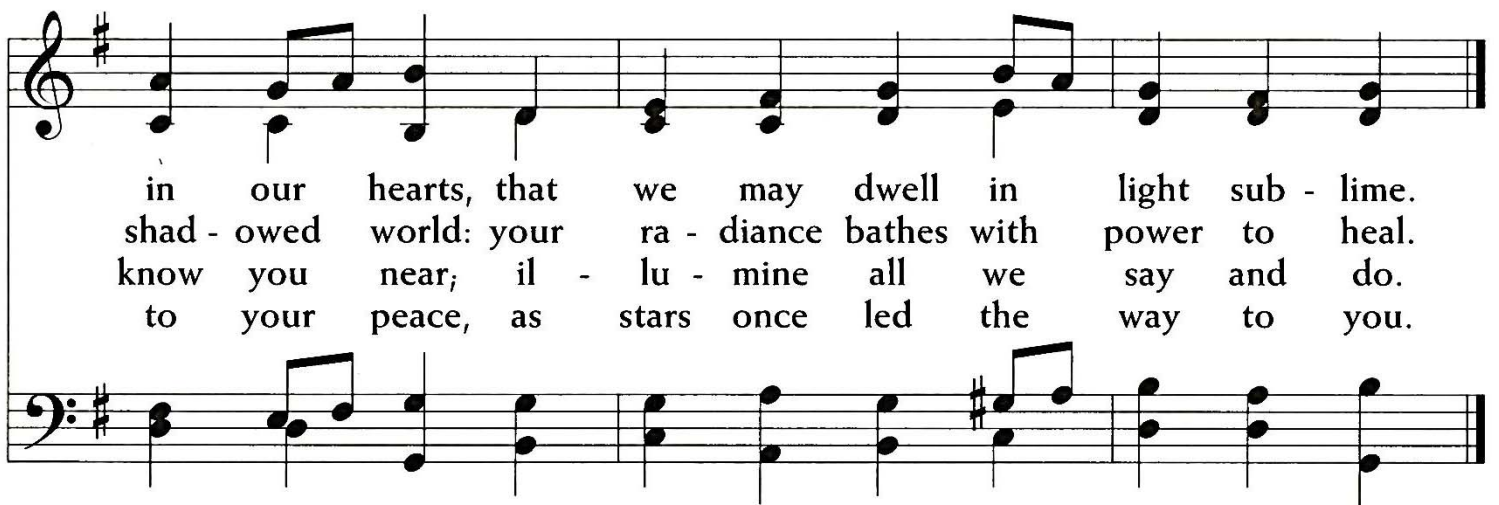
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1 O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate Word, e -  
2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too  
3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the  
4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth; our



ter - nal love re - vealed in time: come, make your home with -  
tired to care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our  
font where we were born a - new. At - tune your church to  
faith and hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples



in our hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.  
shad - owed world: your ra - diance bathes with power to heal.  
know you near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.  
to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

The background of the image is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, golden stars. A large, bright, multi-pointed star with a vertical beam of light is positioned in the upper left quadrant. In the lower portion of the image, the silhouettes of three camels and their riders are shown against a lighter, hazy horizon. The camels are walking from left to right.

# *Epiphany*

"ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE  
LORD HAS DAWNED UPON YOU."

- ISAIAH 60:1