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Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio  
Ministers to the World: All the Congregation  
Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

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Epiphany

10 am

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### Theme: Service of Anointing and Release

**Prelude**      *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The Year is Past)* (J.S. Bach)      Marcia Snavelly, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**      Rev. Mark Simone

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**Introit**      *Processional and Joyful Dance* (M.R. Tucker)      Federated Bell Choir

\* **Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: Arise! Shine! For our light has come!

**All: The glory of God shines on us.**

One: Sing! Praise! God's light leads us!

**All: The glory of God gives us hope each new day.**

One: Worship! Give thanks! God's light takes away our darkness.

**All: We gather as children of the light to worship God.**

One: As a sign of our trust in God's light, let us offer each other Christ's peace.

\* **Passing the Peace**

\* **Hymn**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*      No. 149

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)      Rev. Susi Kawolics

**God of light, you call us to be beacons of your love to the world.**

**We confess that there are times we choose to follow our own paths,  
rather than your ways,**

**times we surround ourselves with abundance  
and neglect to share with those in need,**

**times we hold on to the things of the past,  
when you call us to let go and move forward.**

**Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, Gracious God, and forgive us.**

**Bathe us in your light so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.**

**We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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\* Those who are able stand      \*\*\*\* Worshippers may be seated

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Invitation to Write Releases**

**Music for Reflection**

Marcia Snavelly, organ

**Prayers of the People and Fellowship of Prayer**

\* **Hymn** *We Three Kings* No. 172

**Offering Our Lives and Resources**

**Offertory Anthem** *Hallelujah* (Arr. J. Raney) Federated Bell Choir  
(This piece is offered in loving memory of Faye Weber, founding member of our handbell choir.)

\* **Hymn of Dedication** *The First Noel* (vs 5) No. 151  
Then entered in those wise ones three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon** Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

**Communion Hymn** *These I Lay Down* No. 391

**Sacrament of Holy Communion, Anointing and Release**

**Welcome to the Table**

As you come up the side aisles to the front of the Sanctuary to receive the Sacrament, you may place your paper with your prayer, whole or ripped up, in one of the water bowls. For Communion, take the bread, dip it into the cup, partake immediately. If desired, you may receive anointing from one of the ministers. Then return to your seat by the center aisle. Ushers will serve and a minister will anoint those who wish to remain in their pews. Note that the bread in bowls on each communion plate is gluten free for those who need or prefer it and we use only unfermented grape juice in the cup. Communion in our Church is open to all who seek to walk the way of our Savior, Jesus Christ. You need not be a member to share. Freely receive at this table a gift from God, never earned or deserved.

**Communion Music**   *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (arr. D. Miller) Marcia Snavelly, organ

\* **Lord's Prayer**

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 sins, as we  
    forgive those who sin 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.

\* **Hymn**

*As with Gladness*

No. 173

\* **Benediction**

After worship, please enjoy a demonstration of our new organ  
with music played by Marcia Snavelly.

*~ Departing to Service ~*



**Hearing Loop System Available**

This Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system that works with all Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity. For more information please speak to an usher.

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