



# Pacific Beach

## United Methodist Church

ONLINE WORSHIP  
JANUARY 3, 2021

### WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Welcome from the Pastor

Music Mediation

Call to Worship

One: The Magi had a dream.

**All: They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers. They dreamed of a new day for all people.**

One: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

**All: They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star. They walked for days to get to Jesus.**

One: So may we be like the Magi.

**All: May our dreams inspire action. May we worship the one true God. Amen.**

Hymn #127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (v. 1 - 3)

Prayer of Confession (*worship leader and congregation pray aloud*)

**God, I love to worship you when the stars are bright above me.**

**I love to worship you when the sky is clear, and the breeze just right.**

**I love to worship you when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one.**

**Unfortunately, as you know, this journey of life, love and faith is rarely easy.**

**Now and again, the stars disappear.**

**My feet get blisters, and the journey is far too long and lonely.**

**On these days, forgive me for giving up quickly.**

**Forgive me for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home.**

**I want to be as brave as the Magi.**

**I want to persevere.**

**Guide my feet. Show me the stars. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (*worship leader prays aloud*)

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2023 “How Majestic Is Your Name”*)

*Call to worship and Prayer of Confession adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.*

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children In Ministry

Music To Lift Our Spirits "Let the Words of My Mouth"

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "What Will You Receive?"

Pastor Lori Leopold

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer ("Take Me As I am")

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Gifts (*followed by*)

Doxology (#94)

Prayer of Dedication (*we read and pray aloud together*)

**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in our world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by shadows, pain and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Hymn #254

We Three Kings (v. 1 – 5)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Eagle's Wings

Postlude

**All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online  
via Zoom (*may require app download*).**