



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 1, 2023**

**WORSHIP 10:00 AM**

## **WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD**

Prelude

Video Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Susie Virgilio

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 #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Vs 1-3

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;**

**Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,**

**Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,**

**Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,**

**Well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!**

**Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;**

**Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

\*Opening Prayer

Susie Virgilio

**We believe that faith is active, found on long walks, and in long talks, in future days, and down memory lane. We believe that those who seek will find, although it may not be what they expected. We believe that God finds us first. We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way in the shape of people, invitations, and even starlight. We believe that being a seeker—of God, of justice, of community—is a holy thing. So we strive to live with an open spirit, with soft hearts, and with room to grow. May it be so. This we believe. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #254

“We Three Kings”

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,**

**Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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**Refrain:**

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**Refrain:**

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.**

**Refrain:**

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Time

Jesse Hodge

Music to Lift Our Spirits #256  
Solo Vs 1 & 2

"We Would See Jesus"

**Congregation joins in Vs 4:**

**We would see Jesus, in his work of healing,  
At eventide before the sun was set;  
Divine and human, in his deep revealing  
Of God made flesh; in loving service met.**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12  
Message: These Are the Days We Are Given

Susie Virgilio  
Karen Scanlon

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer #172

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

Prayers of the People

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

**Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.  
Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.  
Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.  
Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!  
Alleluia! Bless the God of love!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Susie Virgilio

**God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men sent by Herod, we, too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. As were the people in those days, we are surprised that we find you not in a palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our wealth seem simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and outshined by what you have given us. Just the same, use our gifts for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion—as would befit the savior who sleeps in a manger. It's in the holy name of the Savior, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #364

“Because He Lives” Vs 1

**God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive:  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

*Refrain: sing twice*

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.**

\*Benediction

\*Eagle's Wings

**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.**

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*January Memory Scripture Verse*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Psalm 23:5*

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