

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service

EPIPHANY



“Follow the Star”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
January 7, 2024

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

***Indicates an invitation to stand - in body, or in spirit**

Chime Prelude: Allan Jones

Prelude: “Coventry carol” *Arr by Lloyd Larson*
(Elaine Weimer)

*Please take this time to quietly prepare your heart, body & mind for
worship.*

Minister’s Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

***Opening Hymn: VU 81 “As with gladness men of old”**
Words by William Chatterton Dix, Music by Conrad Kocher

Announcements (Marilyn Coombs)

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: “O Sanctissima” *By Larry
Shackley*

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” *By John
H. Hopkins, Jr.*

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Todd Scoble)

Scripture: Ephesians 3:7-12

Song of Reflection: “We Three Kings” *Arr by Phillip Keveren*

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (Rev. Rick)

Reflection: “Follow the Star” (Rev. Rick)

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: VU 55 “In the bleak mid-winter”**
(Verse 4) *Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti, Music by Gustav Theodor Holst*

***Offering Prayer**

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 82 “A light is gleaming”** *By Linnea Good*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: VU 87 “I am the Light of the World”**
(Refrain) *By Jim Strathdee*

Postlude: “Epiphany Day in the morning” *By Thomas Keesecker*
(Elaine Weimer)

"We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

Events & Reminders

Jan 10 – Committee Reports to Admin for Annual Report

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