

**Christ was promised;
Christ is born;
Christ has died and risen;
Christ dwells among us
and will come again.**

Use us to reveal your gifts of love and light for the world.

**God of the ages,
shining among us,
we are yours! Amen!**

Hymn: We Three Kings UMH 254

Benediction

Let us go out now into the world, sharing the light and love of Jesus Christ.

May God's Spirit keep us focused on the light that shines brightly with hope and abundance.

May we be nourished in God's light, so that in a world of dimness we will be a light and blessing to all we meet. **Amen.**

Postlude



*The Light of Christ: An
Epiphany Series*

Christ's Love and Light

January 9, 2022

Prelude

Threshold

***Sung:* Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Proclaim the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**

People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!
The light of Christ has come into the world.
Immanuel. God with us.

We will arise and shine!

We will follow the light:

When it shines brightly in the sky;

When it glows dimly on the horizon.

We will follow the light:

When it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations

When the road is unfamiliar

And the star rests above an unfamiliar home.

We will lift up our eyes and look around.

And when we see the Christ child,

May our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.

***Sung:* Arise, your light is come!**

The mountains burst in song!

Proclaim the glory of your God,

Which shines on you today.

Let us pray together:

O God of love and light, who have revealed yourself to us in Jesus, the Light of the world, let your light again shine upon us; that we who once walked in dimness may behold your glory with new eyes and may reflect that light in such a way that others may be drawn to Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Hymn In the Bleak Midwinter UMH 221

**The Light in Word
Matthew 2:1-12 (NLT)**

Prayers and Praises

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 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.*

Holy Communion

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of shining glory...

*...As you reveal radiance to the world, we join the hymn
sung in glory without end.*

**Holy God, Grace Revealed,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Glory be to you, O God most high!**

Blessed are you...

*Jesus blesses the cup and you poured out mercy for
the world.*