

# **Welcome to Worship**

St Paul's United Church

**January 5, 2024 – Epiphany**

*Our problems stem from our acceptance  
of this filthy, rotten system.*

-Dorothy Day

\* Please stand, as you are able.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**CONNECT 4:** *Mary, Did You Know*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

\* **HYMN:** VU79: *Arise, Your Light is Come*

## **THEME CONVERSATION:**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 60:1–6

*Arise, shine; for your light has come.*

**EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 3:1–12

*Boldness and confidence through faith.*

**CONNECT 4: *A Gospel Medley***

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 2:1–12

*The visit of the Magi.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**MESSAGE:** Jesus, Refugee

**HYMN:** VU 74 *What Child is This?*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD:**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**Wise ones from the east brought you gifts and so we bring our gifts too. Gifts of our time, talent and treasure our yours, may we speak and act your message of love into the world.**

# PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

## LORDS PRAYER

### WE ARE SENT FORTH

\* **HYMN:** 567 - *Will You Come*

#### \* **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:**

With one step,  
**we will move.**  
With one vision,  
**we will travel.**  
With one hope,  
**we will grow.**  
With one love,  
**we will live.**  
With one God,  
**we will proclaim.**  
With one light,  
**we will follow.**

#### \* **CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**CONNECT 4:** *An Irish Blessing*

## POSTLUDE