



Hope United Methodist Church

The Road Isn't Straight

Reverend Jeff Rainwater

January 5, 2025



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Dear Nightingale, Awake Robert Powell
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright setting by Kevin Hildebrand
Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing Michael Burkardt
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

WELCOME & INVITATION INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Patti Ord

L: How did you get here?

LEFT side of the room: I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

RIGHT side of the room: I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.

LEFT side of the room: I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.

RIGHT side of the room: I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.

ALL: I crawled, kissing the earth below me.

L: Tell me again. How did you get here?

P: I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

L: Welcome home.

This is God's house.

There is room for you here.

P: Let us worship our gracious God.

***OPENING HYMN**

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

UMH 223

OPENING PRAYER

Adapted from A Sanctified Art resources

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Light of the World

arr. by Dan Galbraith
Ember Cooksey
Cheryl Saborsky, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 Patti Ord

MESSAGE **The Road Isn't Straight** Rev. Jeff Rainwater

RESPONSIVE HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS 2173

OFFERTORY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Rebecca Groom Te Velde
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ... in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

P: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSICAL BENEDICTION** *God Be With You till We Meet Again* UMH 672

POSTLUDE *March of the Kings* Carl Simone
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

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