

Gathering

Call to Worship

Thomas Bona

Welcome

VT 277 “As with Gladness”

Bill Mateer

Peace Lamp

Lisa Rose Martin

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever flowing stream.

Opening Ourselves

Offering - VT 275 “O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, Emmanuel: as you have given yourself to us through the coming of the Christ child, we also give ourselves to you.

Receive these offerings, given in hope, that they may be part of your life in this world. Amen.

Telling God’s Story

VT 271 “Christe, lux mundi” (“Christ, You are Light”)

Children’s time

Janette Amstutz

Those 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children’s time, after which child care is available.

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Deb Johnston

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Kyle Schlabach

Sharing our Stories

“Ancient Peoples Searched the Sky” (on back)

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Karl Shelly

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements - *If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.*

Sunday school teachers are dismissed before the final hymn

VT 273 “Arise, Your Light is Come”

Benediction

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

Thanks to: *Tech Crew:* Marshall King and Eric Kaufmann; *Artwork:* Prints by Michelle Burkholder

Second hour: A conversation on Decision Making and Consensus at Assembly led by Cheryl Shreiner and Anna Yoder Schlabach and Karl Shelly (round table discussion in the MP space)

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and an ear speaker from the sound booth.
2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils.



New to Assembly? Complete the Assembly Survival Kit questionnaire by scanning the QR code.

ANCIENT PEOPLES SEARCHED THE SKY

Adam M. L. Tice

LOVE ON EARTH
Sally Ann Morris



1. An - cient peo - ples searched the sky,
2. Sag - es jour - neyed from the East
3. Chas - ing star - light still to - day,



voic - ing our e - ter - nal "why?"
bear - ing gifts for Prince and Priest.
peo - ple dream, ex - plore and pray.



Heav - en an - swered with a sign: a
Seek - ing Wis - dom, star - light - stirred, they
God is with us— giv - en birth as

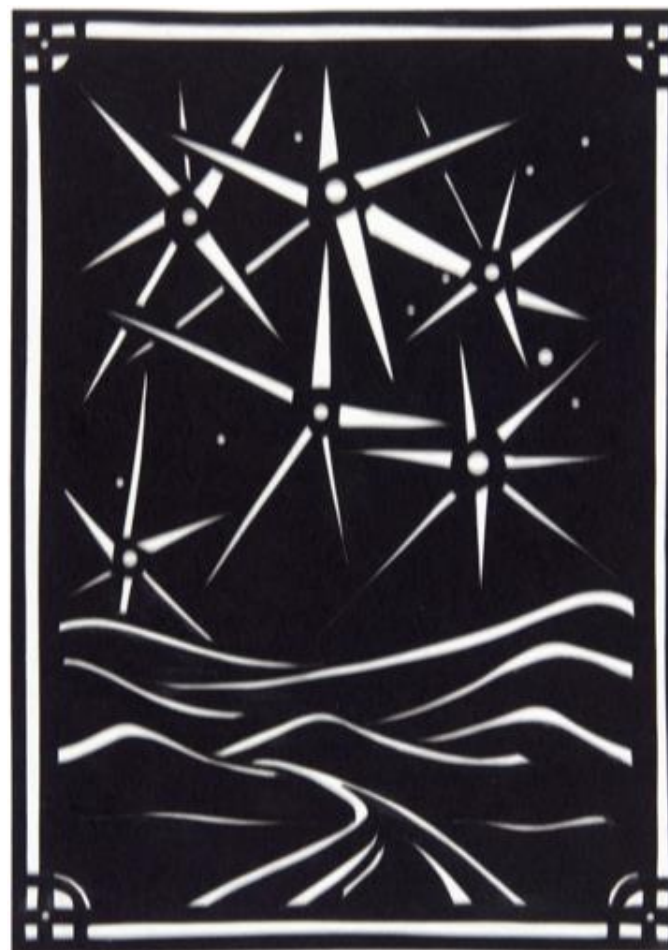


star, pro - claim - ing Love di - vine, a star, pro -
wor - shiped God's in - car - nate Word, they wor - shiped
star - light leads to Love on earth, as star - light



claim - ing Love di - vine.
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Epiphany

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