

# **Celebration of Epiphany**

## **January 3, 2021, 11:00 am**

### **PRELUDE**

**Go Tell a Wonderful Child (based on two African American spirituals)**  
— **Bradley Sowash**

### **CALL TO CELEBRATE EPIPHANY**

Pastor: Epiphany is the holy season of Illumination!

**Quartet: Revelation!**

Pastor: Surprising appearances!

**Quartet: Cosmic signs!**

Pastor: Natural wonders!

**Quartet: Marvels and joys!**

Pastor: Supernatural guidance!

**Quartet: Emerging evidence!**

Pastor: Of spreading light –

**Quartet: Enlightening the entire planet!**

**#152 Glory to God What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright**

### **CALL TO COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW THE STAR**

Pastor: It took the Magi a long time to find the baby Jesus.

**Quartet: Often, we too have to seek before we know.**

Pastor: We often have to belong before we believe.

**Quartet: During Epiphany, let us recommit to making space for grace...**

Pastor: For seekers and travelers!

**Quartet: For immigrants, homeless and all pandemic sufferers!**

Pastor: For displaced miners, factory workers, restaurant workers

**Quartet: For families facing eviction and youth studying, striving to find a way!**

Pastor: Is the star of our faith and love shining brightly enough?

**Quartet: To guide some Magi to the manger today!**

Pastor: Then let us follow the beautiful star!

**Insert**

**Behold That Star**

**Bible reading: Isaiah 60: 1-9 Matthew 2:1-12**

**Neal Long**

**#126 Glory to God Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child**

**Message SCOTT**

**Let's Live the Epiphany Story!**

**Anthem**

**Star in the East (originally appeared in *Baptist Harmony*, 1834)  
— text, Reginald Heber; setting, Frank Pesci**

**WELCOME**

**Intercessory Prayer SCOTT**—-with comments by people on FB **DEANNA** will read these in spaces of silence)...conclude with the Lord's Prayer and Sung Response.....

**SUNG RESPONSE**

**#129 Glory to God Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

## **OFFERTORY**

**Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang—John Attey**

**Joshua Stark, bass**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**#151 Glory to God We Three Kings of Orient Are**

**(stanzas 1-4)**

## **BLESSING**

## **SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**#151 Glory to God We Three Kings of Orient Are (stanza 5)**

## **Postlude**

**What Star Is This—Thomas Keesecker**