

# Welcome to Worship

Rev. Katie Waggoner, Pastor

January 2, 2022 | Order of Worship Communion Sunday  
Epiphany

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

## Invitation and Gathering

**Gathering Hymn:** #249 There's a Song in the Air

### Call to Worship:

L. This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C. We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

L. This is the year that the Lord has begun.

**C. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee.  
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now,  
O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen

**Children's Message: Star Gifts**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing

*(Please place connection cards in the offering plate)*

### Prayers of the People

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"

Congregational response: **"Hear our prayer."**

### Pastoral Prayer

**Prayer Response:** #242 Love Came Down at Christmas

## Proclamation and Response

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon:** The Gift of the Magi

**The Offering:** \*Doxology: Hymn #95

**Communion Hymn:** #2267 Taste and See

### Prayer of Confession

### Words of Assurance

**Holy Communion: Hymnal - page 15**  
**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer after Communion:**

## Sending Forth

### Benediction:

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.  
**We go to spread the good news of light and love,  
righteousness and justice.**  
Go now and follow the star  
that will guide you on your journey  
this week, this year, and forever.  
**As the Magi of old,  
we go forth in trust and excitement,  
transformed in the presence of the child of light.**  
May the blessing of the God of light  
rest upon you and fill you with light.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Chorus:** #254 We Three Kings

*\*Please stand as you are able  
Read in unison words printed in bolded type*

## **Announcements**

Reminder: Don't forget to turn in your Village Market receipts for the Scholarship Fund!

Bible Study will take place on Sundays after church. Today we will meet after the post church service chit chat.

## **Mission/Vision Statement**

The mission of the Alden Community United Methodist Church is to CONNECT people to Christ, NURTURE them to spiritual maturity, and PREPARE them to go into the world to bear fruit and to set a Christian Example.

### **We will accomplish this by:**

- Celebrating with heartfelt worship of God
- Pursuing individual Christ-centered growth
- Being a caring community for all
- Using our time, talents, and gifts for God's purpose
- Sharing the Word of God

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