

## REMEMBRANCE:

**OFFERING:** To worship God is to serve God and neighbor. We pause for one way to offer our lives in service. May our gifts flow from faithful hearts and become blessing for others. **Please place your gifts in the offering plates in the front pews on the way to communion.**

## THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP:

You may receive at the rail—standing or kneeling as you are able. Or, you may receive from the servers to the right or left of the chancel area. All are welcome.

**\*HYMN: #384 (Blue Hymnal)**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

## TO BE SENT FORTH

### \*BLESSING:

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ—the Source and Perfecter of our faith. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself up for us. May the Lord bless our desire to be faithful in all our thoughts and words.

**May God’s love and light shine through our choices and actions—this day and evermore. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE: Back Cover (Blue Hymnal)**

**“A Closing Prayer”**

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On this Epiphany Sunday, we remember the wise men who sought the child born to be King. Help us also be wise and pleasing to you, O God. What a joy it is to start this new year with all of you. May we rededicate our lives for service to God.

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## GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Epiphany

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Ministers: All the People**

**Organist: Mark Forkner**

**Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl**

**Scripture Reader: Holly Eckman**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Violinist: Kay Forkner**

**Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Ushers: Roy Murray and**

**Roger Christopherson**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2014

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM

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**Three Chimes signals the beginning of Worship**

*Learning to Live and Love like Jesus*

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.*

*We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

### **GATHERING POINT & PRELUDE:**

As the choir and pastor are seated during these last moments before worship you are invited to pray for God to move in your life and the lives of those God calls you to pray for.

### **Announcements and Time of Christian Greeting**

\*Indicates those able may stand

## **WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (UM Book of Worship – Maren C. Tirabassi)

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

**We come to you in a new year—with new desires and old fears,**

With new decisions to be made and old controversies to be resolved,

**With new dreams and old weaknesses.**

You are a God of hope, so we know you offer a meaningful future.

**You are a God of love, so we know you accept past mistakes.**

You are the God of our faith, so we enter your sanctuary with praise.

**We gather with gladness to sing your praise. We gather with love to serve and bless you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #228 (Blue Hymnal) “He Is Born”**

## **TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND**

**COVENANT PRAYER: (John Wesley)**

**I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will.**

Be satisfied that Christ will give you your place and work.

**Lord, make me what you will. I place myself in your hands.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, Let me be full, let me be empty, Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and will a willing heart give all to your plan for me. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)**

**MESSAGE: “A New Day & A New Way”**

**HYMN: #2065 (Black Hymnal) “More Precious than Silver”**

**COVENANT PRAYER: (John Wesley)**

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you. Forgive those times I have been unfaithful and chosen not to do your will. Offer your promised mercy yet again, as I seek to turn to you with my whole heart yet again. Before all heaven and earth I acknowledge you as my Lord and God. I take you as my portion in this life and vow to give myself, body and soul, as your servant in my day to day living, all the days of my life. Christ has said there will be times we must suffer with him.**

**I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall. Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you. Let my desire to follow and serve you be ratified in heaven that I may live and love like Jesus on earth. Amen.**

**SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -**

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

**THE LORDS PRAYER:- #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

## **TO SHARE AT CHRIST’S TABLE**

**INVITATION: #339 (Blue Hymnal)**

**“Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”  
(Over)**