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Epiphany Sunday

What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent
Fear Doesn't Stop Us

January 4, 2026
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome		Pastor Dave
Prelude	<i>What Star Is This</i> by Lani Smith	Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship Gregg Rothrock

Leader: In the dark of morning,

All: **The stars still shine.**

Leader: In the depth of winter,

All: **The birds still climb.**

Leader: At the start of the year, tender and new,

All: **God is here. God is near.**

Leader: Do not rest in your fear.

All: **God is here.**

Leader: So like the stars and the birds,

All: **Let us worship holy God.**

*Opening Hymn *We Three Kings* 152 (vv 1, 2, 5)

*Opening Prayer Gregg

God of the stars, like the magi, we come to this place searching for you. So today, just like every day we ask that you would remove any barricades that keep us from your Spirit. Clear out the distractions. Wipe away the doubt. Open up our hearts, and speak to us through these ancient words. And as you do, we will keep walking. As you do, we will move toward you. With hope we pray, Amen.

First Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12; 16-18 Gregg

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we

observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: A word from God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with us at office@montevista.org.)

Prayer Hymn

What Was Your Vow and Vision

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Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastor Dave

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, our Mother and Father, let your name be revered. Let your kin-dom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in the heavens. Give us today the bread we need for today. And forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

If Ye Love Me

Vista Voices

by Thomas Tallis

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:17-24

Pastor Dave

Be generous with me and I’ll live a full life; not for a minute will I take my eyes off your road. Open my eyes so I can see what you show me of your miracle-wonders. I’m a stranger in these parts; give me clear directions. My soul is starved and hungry, ravenous! Insatiable for your nourishing commands.

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Sermon

Fear Does Not Stop Us

Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Bonnie Sanchez

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on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

*Communion Hymn	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	254
Words of Institution		Pastor Dave
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Bonnie
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Dave
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Pastor Dave
*Closing Hymn	<i>As with Gladness</i>	173
*Announcements		Pastor Dave
*Benediction		Pastor Dave
Postlude	<i>How Great Our Joy</i> by Rex Koury	Paulette

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Gregg Rothrock, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

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## We Three Kings

All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,  
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)*

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,  
 west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

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1. What was your vow and vi - sion, re - vealed and rec - og -  
 2. Was this God's call, the crown - ing of all you had be -  
 3. We meet you at the wa - ter and pon - der why and

nized, Christ, when you came to Jor - dan and  
 come: "Go, show and tell my com - ing, my  
 how, in hope that we may fol - low where

asked to be bap - tized? Was there a sud - den  
 own, my cho - sen one"? Did scrip - ture join with your  
 God is go - ing now, a - noint - ed by your

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 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1986

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wind that stirred the wa - ters, a blur of might - y wings?  
tri - umph of a ser - vant re - ject - ed and de - spised?  
deed and word pro - claim - ing: "In Christ we are bap - tized!"



## Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldest do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.  
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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## As with Gladness

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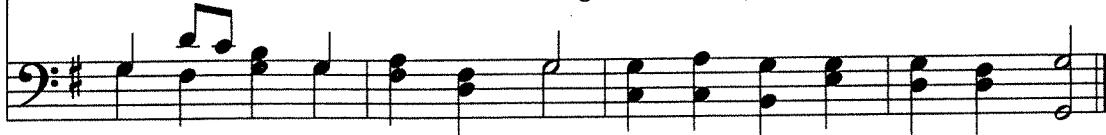
1. As with glad-ness sag - es bold did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger bed,  
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare at the man-ger plain and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be - fore One whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,



so, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev - er-more your splen- dor see.  
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.  
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.



WORDS: William C. Dix, 1861, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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