

## 01-05-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“...in the Gospel of Matthew discipleship is often likened to a kind of shining, which recalls the light from the star that shined on the Christ child... [T]hat disciples are called to shine is important to remember in the season of Epiphany, for now that Christ has ascended and the Spirit has been given, we are the ones through whom the light shines forth.”

*William J. Danaher, Jr.*



Matthew 2:1-12

### Questions for Reflection —

- As we celebrate Epiphany how will you offer homage to the Babe of Bethlehem? What gift(s) have you been given and how will you offer them back to God at the manger? To what is God calling you at this season of your life? How has your encounter with the light of Epiphany commissioned you for service? What will give you the courage to act?
  
- Who has shone God’s light into your life and contributed to your spiritual growth? What would it look like for you in turn to let God’s light shine brightly through you and make a difference for someone else? Who in your life could use a little extra light right now? What are the implications for us as a congregation that we are the ones through whom the light of Christ is to shine? How can we live into the call to bear the beams of God’s love and light, especially to those who would not otherwise experience it? How can we cultivate and utilize our collective light to contribute to the dawn of justice and peace in our world?
  
- What would it mean to allow the light of Christ to illumine your path through life? In what new direction or towards what different path might the light be guiding you? What would it look like for you to journey the upcoming year by a “different road” or “another way”? What will give you the courage and the trust to take the first steps on that new path? What spiritual habits will sustain you when the future seems not entirely clear?

### Daily Household Prayer

Eternal God, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all people to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh. Amen.