



The Golden Pilgrimage by Carmelle Beaugelin
Inspired by Matthew 2:1-12 | Acrylic, gilding paint, canvas collage on
handmade reclaimed paper

Epiphany

From Generation to Generation ...

We Keep Seeking

January 1, 2023

GATHERING IN...

Prelude

Grounding Moment: "A Blessing for Seekers"

(a poem written by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Gathering Words & Announcements

Call to Worship

Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...
Calling all glass-half-full optimists
and lighthouse keepers...
Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...
Bring your questions, your hope,
your faith and your fear
into this space.
GOD IS HERE.

HYMN *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* VT 265

PRAYING...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of starlight,
we know that faith isn't a vending machine.
Good news can't be bought or manufactured.
It does not arrive with a push of a button.
Instead, in this noisy world,
we have to *look* for you in our midst.
We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.
We have to believe that love really can change the world.
We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.
Forgive us for forgetting that.
Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.
We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day.
Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

HYMN *What Child Is This* VT 267

LISTENING...

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination & Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Guiding Stars - Reflections on 2022 Star Words

RESPONDING...

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

... receiving STAR WORDS for 2023

SENDING...

HYMN *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* VT 275

Benediction

Postlude ... *remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Coffee/tea/juice will be served during Fellowship time. There is no Sunday School today – classes resume next Sunday, January 8.*

Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Nursery: ??
Music: Wenger Family members
Worship Leader: Carol Moore
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Scripture Reader: Delon Martens
faith family)

Guiding Stars Meditation: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger (with reflections on Star Words contributed by individuals within FMC)

Words for Worship (Prayers, etc.) written by *Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed*
/ *A Sanctified Art LLC* /
sanctifiedart.org

LPC: Listening-Prayer-Conversation Groups

BEGINNING Second Week of January 2023

Pastor Tonya will be offering something new beginning January 2023 ... an opportunity to participate in a monthly LPC group: Listening-Prayer-Conversation. The hour will be simply structured to create space for listening to scripture and Spirit, praying with and without words, and conversation with God and others. *Two options will be offered each month: Second Tuesday from Noon-1pm or Second Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm. There is also the possibility of adding a Zoom option to either one of these times.* If possible, please RSVP to Pastor Tonya if you plan to attend. Zoom participants must RSVP; if you plan to come in person, feel free to come even if you haven't RSVP'd. **January gatherings will be Tues January 10 at Noon and Wed January 11 at 6:30pm.**



**First Mennonite Church
Hutchinson KS**

Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

Phone: 620-662-9385

Website: www.hutchfmc.org

Office email address: office@hutchfmc.org

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger: tonya@hutchfmc.org

Pastor Jim Unruh: jhunruh.ju@gmail.com