



# North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

**January 4, 2026**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

## **Prelude**

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

## **Remembering our Baptism**

### **\*Call to Worship**

We gather as people looking for the star,  
a sign that God is at work in the world.

**God, help us find your glory.**

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

**God, help us notice your glory.**

We gather as people yearning for Love's presence,  
the assurance that we are not alone and Love  
will have the last word.

**God, help us encounter your glory.**

On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

**God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.**

**\*Song                      This Is Amazing Grace**

**\*Song                      Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

**First Lesson                      Isaiah 60:1-6                      CEB**

## **Word for Children**

**Second Lesson                      Matthew 2:1-12                      CEB**

**Message for the Lord's Day                      Rev. Deborah Coble**

**Song                      Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)**

## **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer. After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for  
the people of this congregation...  
for those who suffer and those in trouble...  
for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and its mission, in communion with the saints...

### **Mission And Ministry Moment**

### **Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

### **Special Music**

### **Behold**

### **\*Doxology**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Blessed be His kingdom now and forever.**

**Amen, Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.

**God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives. The light of God shines through the darkness. Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*Song**

### **Shine Jesus Shine**

### **\*Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time**

**to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.**

**So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.**

**Amen.**