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January 12, 2025

Epiphany – The Road Isn’t Straight – Star Words

**We Gather to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**  *You Are the Light* Tom Fettke

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Call to Worship**

We believe in a with-us God,

**A God who is beside us in the mountains and valleys,**

**Holding our hand through every bump and turn.**

And in the chaos of our journey

We believe that God sees what we cannot always see:

A path home by another way.

**Therefore, trusting in this ever-present**

**and guiding God,**

**we lace up our shoes.**

**We look for God’s fingerprints in the world.**

**We trust that there are paths still unexplored,**

**Paths that God has only begun to invite us down.**

And like the Magi, we will find the courage to follow God’s

guiding star.

**Hymn** VU 79 Arise, Your Light Is Come FESTAL SONG

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

God of starlight, God of new beginnings,

We are so grateful to be here.

Grateful to start a new year gathered with this community.

Grateful to join in worship as we stand at this crossroad of old and new.

We know this life of faith isn’t always easy.

Even the Magi, those faithful seekers, had to change course.

Even the Magi had to go home by another way.

**So as we journey, bless our wanderings.**

**Bless our path.**

**Walk beside us.**

**Dance beside us.**

**Forgive our missteps and hang stars in the sky to**

**guide us along.**

**Place a deep knowing in our gut that we simply cannot ignore.**

**And as the road before us twists and turns grant you the courage to pause when we need to, reconsider when we need to, ask for direction when we need to, and then keep moving forward towards your light.**

**With hope and gratitude in our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

Hold fast to this truth:

The mercy of God is like the North Star,

Strong and steadfast.

**We will make space for this grace in our lives as we allow our hearts and minds to be reconciled with God and with each other.**

**Sung Response** VU 951 Holy Holy Holy

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Introduction**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43: 16-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Thanks be to God**

**Scripture:** Matthew 2: 1-12

This is the good news of the Gospel

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

**Reflection**

**Hymn** VU 82 A Light is Gleaming LIVING IN THE LIGHT

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Hymn** VU 538 For the Gift of Creation GIFT OF CREATION

**Offering Dedication**

**Star Words**

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

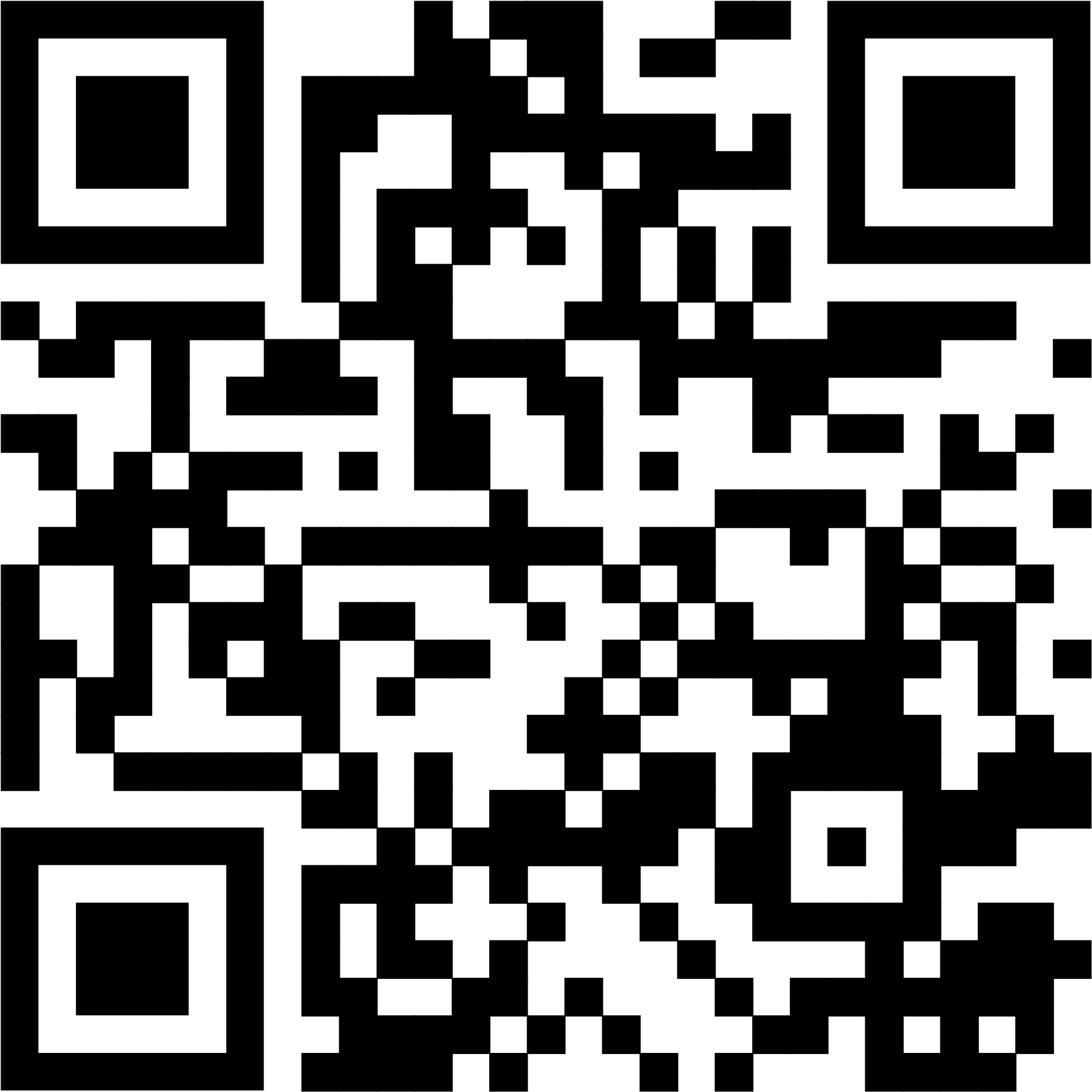
**Distribution of Star Words**

**Closing Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 96 Will Come and See the Light KELVINGROVE

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Estrellita (The Star)* M. Ponce

Reader: Allan Mapes

Pianist: Megan Dufrat

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