

**Order of Worship**  
**January 1, 2023 – New Year’s Sunday**

**Announcements and Prelude**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 91:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> *I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”*

<sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you  
from the fowler’s snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> *He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

**Hymn**                      *Another Year is Dawning*

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year with thee;  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness in the shining of thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,  
On earth or else in heaven, another year for thee.

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

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

<sup>2</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering & Doxology – #95

Sermon Ralph Chubbuck

### Alien Arrival!

*On coming to the house they saw the child with his mother Mary,  
and they bowed down and worshiped Him.  
Matthew 2:11*

Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #224

## Benediction

### Happy New Year 2023!

We welcome back Ralph & Mary Chubbuck to the Valley today.

### Next Sunday, January 8, 2023

New Year's Holy Communion  
Wesley's Covenant Prayer  
Consecration of 2023 Leadership  
Monthly Food Collection

Pastor Paul & Janet will be away on vacation through January 7.  
Pastoral emergencies during this time can be referred to:

- \* Pastor Jeff Weber, Reeders UMC
- \* Pastor Dottie Stem, Analomink UMC
- \* Pastor Zim Khan, Faith UMC

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