



# ORDER OF WORSHIP JANUARY 9, 2022 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

I imagine all of this, not because I've chased stars, But because I have dreamed. And these dreams for justice make the Magi's story my own. For every time we fight for justice, we start in the dark. We hug loved ones and say, "There's a light in the darkness, I must chase that." We walk until we're tired, and then we keep walking. We laugh at the open sky as a form of resistance. We pray in the night for signs of more light. And no matter how important the journey is, and no matter how much progress we make, the journey to justice is never easy. - Rev. Sarah Are

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✠We rise in body or spirit

## Welcome

Here at CCC, we are all one family. Restrooms are in the Parish House across the street. Join in when bold letters appear. For COVID, we are masking, sanitizing hands, and practicing physical distancing. During songs, we invite you to be in prayerful meditation or sing along in your heart.

## ✠Call to Worship

The Magi had a dream.

**They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers. They dreamed of a new day for all people.**

The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

**They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star. They walked for days to get to Jesus.**

So may we be like the Magi,

**May our dreams inspire action. May we worship the one true God. Amen.**

Song Star Child

## Prayer of Confession

**God, I love to worship you when the stars are bright above me. I love to worship you when the sky is clear, and the breeze just right. I love to worship you when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one. Unfortunately, as you know, this journey of life, love, and faith is rarely easy.**

**Now and again, the stars disappear. My feet get blisters, and the journey is far too long and lonely. On these days, forgive me for giving up quickly. Forgive me for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home.**

**I want to be as brave as the Magi. I want to persevere. Guide my feet. Show me the stars. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession, reflection, and meditation.*

## Sharing in Forgiveness

Even when our ways grow weary and dim, even when we get turned around, we are always invited to return home again.

**We give thanks for God's forgiveness and the freedom to love one another! We walk this journey of life together - and we can encourage and strengthen each other for the road ahead. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6

Song From A Distant Land

## Sermon

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

*Please send an email to church.chebeague@gmail.com to add a prayer request to our list.*

## Prayer and 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.**

## Announcements/Offering

*Financial gifts can be placed in the plate in the entryway or made online at www.chebeaguechurch.org. We also offer ourselves in service to God's work as we connect with the ministries of the church.*

✠Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, Who came to this earth as a child,  
Was born to unmarried teenage parents, And was quickly made a refugee.  
We believe that this child grew up to heal the sick, See the poor, Dine with outcasts,  
Welcome foreigners, Wash the feet of sinners, Offer second chances,  
And bless the children.**

**And so we believe that Christmas is only the beginning. The dream does not end with a manger. The dream ends with God's promised day. So until all God's children are home, We will follow the Magi's lead — Walking, seeking, and looking up.  
May it be so, for this we believe. Amen.**

✠Benediction

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**We Need You!** CCC is gearing up for our Annual Meeting, currently scheduled for Sunday, January 30th at 10 AM. We are in need of folks to serve the church through various committees! We have openings on the Church Council, Human Resources, Buildings and Grounds, Finance, and more. We are looking for people who have a heart for the mission of the church in this community. Please contact Pastor Melissa at [ml.yosuadavis@gmail.com](mailto:ml.yosuadavis@gmail.com) if you feel moved to offer your time and talents to the church in this way!

**Book Study Group: Sundays at 3 PM on Zoom beginning February 6th**, eight sessions planned for My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menachem. Now is a great time to join our small group. FMI, please contact Gloria Brown at [gjbrown58a@gmail.com](mailto:gjbrown58a@gmail.com)

**Receive a Star Word** by stopping by the sanctuary to pick up a word in the Narthex, or contact the church office to have one mailed out to you!

CCC's first ever **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 30th at 10 AM**. We anticipate meeting in person and offering a remote option as well (Meeting ID: 834 4114 5219, Passcode: 20152020). All reports and our bylaws will be made available online (<http://www.chebeaguechurch.org/2021-annual-reports.html>) as they come in. You can request a copy be mailed to you by contacting the church office before January 20th. Please read all reports ahead of time! Everyone is encouraged to come and have voice; members are allowed to vote. Contact Pastor Melissa if you have question about your status as a member.

**Membership Sunday!** We'll be taking in new members and associate members on Sunday, January 16th. If you want to join, contact Pastor Melissa to be included!

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**PRAYER LIST**  
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For the families of Alan Gray, Margaret Ingram, Dick Bowen, and Bill Cushing. And for Lola & Bill Armstrong, Anne Brown, Bob Dyer, Ed Gilchrist, Lisa Googins, Kyle Grannell, Chuck Hilly, Hobey Hinchman, Marcia Howell, Billy Hutchinson, Roy & Suzanne Jackson, Jessica, Jonathan, Mary Lou & Frank Koughan, Scott Libby, Lisa, Beryl O'Neil, Bea Pettit, Herb & Florence Rich, Helen Scott, Alison Shepherd, Juan Toj, Linda White, Craig Winslet, Rev. Alijandro and the people of Guatemala; those who live with addiction or mental illness; veterans and those serving in the military; children who are hungry or abused; victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; refugees and those who are homeless; housing on Chebeague; our island school and families, the leaders of our country, children and families at the border, those who experience hate because of their racial identity or sexual orientation, including Black, Asian, Hispanic, Middle-Eastern, Native American and LGBTQ+ folx, all impacted by COVID-19, those who are disabled, those who are ill, our new church, our environment, those who experience injustice in our world, and that all may know hope and love.

*Join us for other church activities, both in-person and virtually!*

<b>Sundays</b>		<b>Thursdays</b>
10 am	Worship	10 am Office Hours
3 pm	Book Study (starting 2/6)	11 am Ladies Aid
		1 pm Bible Study with Gloria Brown

**Food Pantry**  
Contact [chebundance@gmail.com](mailto:chebundance@gmail.com) to make an appointment or for information.

**For all our events, including Zoom links, visit [www.chebeaguechurch.org](http://www.chebeaguechurch.org).**

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