

**Welcome and Announcements**

Deacon

**Prelude** Ornamented Chorale on "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"  
 arr. by Charles Callahan (1951-) Norman McFarlane  
*(followed by the harmonized hymn by J.S. Bach (verse 1))*

**Call to Worship**

Deacon

One: Arise, shine for your light has broken through!  
**All: Arise, shine for your light has broken through!**  
 One: God's brilliance has dawned upon you!  
 See truly, look carefully – darkness blankets the earth;  
 people all over are clothed in darkness.  
**All: But God will rise and shine on you;**  
**God's bright glory will shine on you, a light for all to see.**  
 One: Nations north and south, peoples east and west,  
 will be drawn to your light,  
 and will find purpose and direction by your light.  
 Don't be shy; don't be doubtful;  
 lift up your eyes and look around.  
**All: They have gathered around you,**  
**eager to come and be close to you.**  
**And your children will come back to this land;**  
**your sons from the farthest places of wandering**  
**and your daughters gently carried home.**  
 One: Arise, shine for your light has broken through!  
**All: Arise, shine for your light has broken through!**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *This is the Day of New Beginnings*

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**Message for All**

*Joy and Concern cards will be collected by the Deacons*  
*Children are invited to stay in the sanctuary with the congregation.*  
*This Little Light of Mine (one verse)*

**Prayers of the People for the World**

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

**Shining in the universe, shining in our hearts,**  
**hear our prayers, loving Lord Jesus.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into**  
**temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power**  
**and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**Introduction to Scripture**

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

**Scripture**

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture  
**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**



## **The Lord's Supper**

*At Granby Congregational Church, UCC, everyone is welcome to participate in the sacrament of communion.*

## **The Invitation**

*The children are invited forward to help distribute the gifts from the table.*

## **The Words of Institution**

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

## **Gifts from the Table - Communion and Stars**

*As directed, please come forward and receive gifts from the table. If, for any reason, you choose not to come forward today, please raise your hand so a deacon can bring the sacrament and a star to you.*

*Once everyone has received the bread and cup, we will eat and drink together.*

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God of glory, thank you for nourishing us at your holy table. Grace us with your wisdom as the meaning of our star words unfold. Fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. Amen.**

## **\*Closing Hymn**

*We are Walking in the Light of God*  
(walking, marching, singing, dancing)

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## **\*Benediction**

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## **\*Parting Song**

*God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)*

**God be with You till we meet again.  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

## **Postlude**

*Kings From the East Came Riding*  
Henry Balcombe (1927-2015)

Norman McFarlane

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Rev. Donna K. Manocchio will be serving as Bridge Pastor for the month of January 2023.

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## **This is an Open and Affirming Church**

We affirm the dignity and worth of every person, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, race, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation. We offer sacraments and rites to all who enter our circle of faith. We celebrate the gifts that each person brings to Granby Congregational Church and invite them to share in all areas of its service, leadership, activities, responsibilities and privileges.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!