



**WORSHIP WITH THE NIC CABINET
EPIPHANY 2021**

*The shepherds (in Luke) recognized Him. The Magi (in Matthew) recognized Him.
John the Baptist (In Mark) recognized him.*

Can you recognize Jesus and commit your life to Him in this New Year?

PRELUDE	“God, He Shares Our Pain (공감하시네)” <i>Performed by Naperville Korean Musicians</i>
WELCOME AND GREETING	Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath Elgin District Superintendent
OPENING PRAYER	Rev. Brittany Isaac Chicago Northwestern District Superintendent
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Arlene Christopherson, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Connectional Ministries

Darkness descended over the land; the people lived in fear.

Then something so unexpected happened, something that filled the people with surprise.

A star burned brightly in the heavens, a star beyond imagining.

Our darkness is gone! Though the night be dark and times are difficult, a new light shines for us.

Fears are vanished; failures are forgiven. God has heard our cries and has given us hope.

Come, let us celebrate God’s light given to us.

Let us praise the God of hope, the God of promise.

Amen.

MUSIC	“Woke Up This Morning” <i>Chicago: United Church of Rogers Park Choir Chicago Northwestern District</i>
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CHILDREN'S TIME	Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer Rockford District Superintendent
INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER	Rev. Jeffry Bross Aurora District Superintendent
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" <i>Princeton: First Chancel Choir, DeKalb District</i>
INTRODUCTION	Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath Elgin District Superintendent
MESSAGE	"Can You Recognize Jesus?" Bishop John Hopkins Northern Illinois Conference Interim Bishop
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Jacques Conway Chicago Southern District Superintendent
CLOSING HYMN	"What Child is This?" / Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus <i>Performed by Rev. Jarrod Severing, Pastor; Elgin: Journey of Hope, Elgin District</i>
BENEDICTION	Rev. Brian Gilbert DeKalb District Superintendent
POSTLUDE	"Away in a Manager" <i>Performed by Rockford District Clergy Choir</i>

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"Woke Up This Morning" performed by United Church of Rogers Park Choir

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" performed by The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Princeton;
Karen Newby, Director
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"What Child is This?" / "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" performed by Rev. Jarrod Severing; Elgin: Journey of Hope

"Away in a Manger" performed by Rockford District Clergy Choir

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