

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 3, 2021
Epiphany Sunday
11:00am
St. John's United Methodist Church

Gathering Music Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Jim Ahrend

Invocation

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light is come!
The glory of the Lord is risen upon you!
Nations shall come to your light,
And rulers to the brightness of your rising.
They shall come from Sheba, bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh,
Singing the praise of God.
We bow before the manger bed this day,
Worshiping the Light of our world and a savior born to us.

Hymn UMH 245

“The First Noel”

(all hymns may be found at the end of the document)

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Invitation to Give

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Offertory Music Natalie Bonelli

“The Virgin Mary’s Slumber Song (Maria’s Wiegenlied)”
Max Reger

Doxology UMH 221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

Pastoral Prayer
The 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1-8	
Hymn	“We Three Kings”	UMH 254
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:9-12	
Hymn	“What Child Is This”	UMH 219
Message		Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley
	“What Gift Can We Bring”	
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	“What Gift Can We Bring”	UMH 89
*Benediction		
*Postlude		Jim Ahrend

*Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Matthew Greer
Jarrod Conyers, Jim Ahrend, Natalie Bonelli*

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Beth - - le -
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
 hem it took its rest; and there it did both
 ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in

keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, and so it con - tin-ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, and to fol-low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)

MUSIC: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE FIRST NOEL

Irr. with Refrain

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor-ship - ing God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won-der, star of light, star with roy-al beau-ty bright,
 west-ward lead-ing, still pro - ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light.



1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,



lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.



Unison

1. What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?
 2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vi - sion,
 3. Give thanks for to - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
 4. This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - ve y it, the joy of this day?
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
 for know - ing what - ev - er to - mor - row may bring,
 these words can con - ve y it, the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
 Give thanks for the now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
 the Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er;
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
 we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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