



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**January 08, 2023**

**10:30 a.m. Service**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Hymn of Praise – “The First Noel” v1,2,3,5 (UMH#245)**

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay;  
In fields where they  
Lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night  
That was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Lift up your eyes and look around;

**People: Arise and shine, for your light has come.**

Pastor: The Lord will arise upon you; God's glory will appear over you.

**People: Then we shall see and be radiant, our hearts will thrill and rejoice.**

Pastor: For upon us the Messiah, God's glorious Light, has come.

**People: Let us honor and proclaim Christ Jesus, the Light of the world.**

**Act of Praise – “Glory be to the Father” (UMH#70)**

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.

**Affirmation of Faith - “The Apostles’ Creed” (UMH #881)**

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.

## **Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6**

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of all creation, we are amazed and blessed as we recall how you led wandering magi by a heavenly light to the Christ child, and thus revealed your salvation for all the world. As foolish and flawed as we are, we also come today to delight in your beloved Son. Thank you for your mercy and grace that came to us through Christ Jesus. Forgive us for the times we dismiss your attempts to reveal yourself to us, focusing on our ambitions and wants over your right and just ways. Strengthen and help us to trust you fully as we earnestly seek to extend your hope to all people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **Extending the Peace of Christ**

#### **Adult Choir**

#### **Offering**

**Doxology** - "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **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, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn** – “We Three Kings” (UMH #254)

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

O...star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

O...star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high.

O...star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O...star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

O...star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light.

**Sermon** – “Search Diligently...”  
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#### ***It Came upon the Midnight Clear* v1(UMH#218)**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

#### ***What Child is this* v1 (UMH#219)**

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

#### ***Angels from the Realms of Glory* (UMH#220)**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
ye who sang creations story  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

#### ***In the Bleak Midwinter* v1(UMH#221)**

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,

earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* v1(UMH#229)**

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

***O Little Town of Bethlehem* v1(UMH#230)**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

**Hymn – “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (UMH #664)**

Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
The people of God  
from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended,  
O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship  
in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action  
for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us,

and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom  
and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever living,  
the tasks of our every day life  
we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children  
of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one  
in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ  
and that name which we bear.

### **Benediction**

#### **Congregational Response: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

### **Postlude**

*Brian Barber, Organist*  
*Roy Nelson, Director of Music Ministries*

*Rev. Brad Leight*  
*Ruth Portzline, CLM*