

## Hearing God's Call to Become Community

**Prelude** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 144

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn of Gathering** "We Three Kings" # 172

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. REFRAIN
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever ceasing never, over us all to reign. REFRAIN
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity night; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. REFRAIN
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. REFRAIN
5. Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice: alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. REFRAIN

REFRAIN O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

## Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

\*Responsive Call to Worship (Isaiah 60: 1-6) Roy McLellan

L: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

C: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

L: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

C: "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

L: Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

ALL: Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

## Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text "Matthew 2: 1-12" (NIV)

Message "Epiphany: Following the Light" Rev. Schwartz

## Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings Roy McLellan

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation Roy McLellan

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, forever. Amen

## Departing to Serve Where God Leads

**Closing Hymn** "I Am the Light of the World" vv. 1-3 # 469

REFRAIN: "I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the magi and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun; REFRAIN:

2. To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love, to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above! REFRAIN:

3. To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children everywhere! REFRAIN:

\*Benediction Rev Schwartz

**Postlude** "The First Noel" # 151

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord  
Liturgical Color: Green

**Matthew 2: 1-12 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup>““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

L: These are Words from the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

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*Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.*