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Prelude	Jenny Memmott
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Maria Campbell
Opening Prayer	Liturgist– Gary Cinotto

Eternal God, forgive us when we sit in our homes, rather than venture forth to follow your guidance in our lives. Help us to follow the example of the Wise Men. Teach us to open our hearts to those in need around us, through the one who brought light into our lives. Amen.

Children's Moment	Rev. Maria Campbell	
Song	<i>Going to Bethlehem</i>	HUMC Double Quartet
Scripture	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Liturgist–Gary Cinotto

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Maria Campbell
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The Lord's Prayer

Anthem	<i>Changed By a Baby Boy</i>	HUMC Double Quartet
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Scripture	Mark 2: 1-12	Rev. Maria Campbell
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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message	<i>Look Up!</i>	Rev. Maria Campbell
Offertory		Margaret Cinotto
Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#95 UMH
Dedication of Offering		Liturgist– Gary Cinotto
<p>Generous God, we pray that we might extend your presence in the world. Use our gifts so the light of Christ might reach the farthest corners of your world. We pray in the name of the Christ child. Amen.</p>		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Closing Hymn	<i>The First Noel</i>	#245 UMH vs 1, 2, 5
Sending Forth		Rev. Maria Campbell
Postlude		Margaret Cinotto

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Closing Hymn

The First Noel

#245 UMH vs 1, 2, 5

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

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

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel