



Come worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

Heritage United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 7, 2024, Epiphany Sunday

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Praise

Sing We Now Of Christmas vs 1,2,3

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Opening Prayer

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

Centering Song

Sing We Now Of Christmas vs 4,5

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Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

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.*

Anthem

Changed By a Baby Boy (*Gaither*)

Friends In Faith

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Look Up

Rev. Maria Campbell

Response to the Word

Commissioning of Ministry Leaders

Offertory

Tell Us 'Bout a Baby (*Rainer*)

Friends In Faith

Doxology *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*

Dedication of Offering

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.

Holy Communion

Communion Music

I've Heard About You (*Glover, Crowder, Sojka*)

Jacob Eppel

Closing Song

We Three Kings vs 1,2,3,4

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Blessing

Postlude

Director of Music Ministries—Jacob Eppel Organist—Margaret Cinotto

Director of Audio-Visual Ministries—Jake Weskamp Pianist—Jenny Memmott

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Worship Song Sheet Sunday 1.7.24

Sing We Now Of Christmas #237 UMH

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain – Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest."

Refrain – Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child.

Refrain – Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

From the eastern country came the kings afar, bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.

Refrain – Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price; there was never a stable so like paradise.

Refrain – Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

We Three Kings vs 1,2,3,4 #254 UMH

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, worshiping 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.**

Verse 5: 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.**