

WORSHIP HANDOUT

January 2nd
Epiphany



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Closet will be open this week

Worship remains online only until further notice.

PRELUDE

*OPENING SONG

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Away in a Manger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,
in the wisdom of grandparents.**

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,
where the oppressed are set free.**

We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

**We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

*HYMN

245

The First Noel

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**We have heard of your grace, Shaper of stars;
from those set free from injustice;
from our children who whisper of your joy;
from greeters of dawn's fresh start;
from late risers who listen to the stories of the needy.**

**We have heard of your Light, Bright Star of the morning:
which can illumine the shadows of our lives;
which can show the path to God's heart;
which can point the way to where we become servants of the
gospel.**

**We have heard of your promised peace, Wisdom's
Radiance:
that peace which can end war, as well as heal our hearts;
that peace which can conquer our fears, and flood us with
faith; that peace which can enter our lives and overwhelm us
with hope.**

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

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 now and
forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives.

HYMN

219 What Child is This

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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LESSON I

CEB

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

God, give your judgments to the king. Give your righteousness to the king's son. ² Let him judge your people with righteousness and your poor ones with justice. ³ Let the mountains bring peace to the people; let the hills bring righteousness. ⁴ Let the king bring justice to people who are poor; let him save the children of those who are needy, but let him crush oppressors! ⁵ Let the king live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, generation to generation. ⁶ Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass, like showers that water the earth. ⁷ Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives, and let peace prosper until the moon is no more. ¹⁰ Let the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute; let the kings of Sheba and Seba present gifts. ¹¹ Let all the kings bow down before him; let all the nations serve him. ¹² Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out, the poor, and those who have no helper. ¹³ He has compassion on the weak and the needy; he saves the lives of those who are in need. ¹⁴ He redeems their lives from oppression and violence; their blood is precious in his eyes.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

CEB

Matthew 2:1-12

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem.

² They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴ He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

**⁶ You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel."**

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” ⁹ When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “A Different Path”

HYMN 431 Let There Be Peace on Earth
2x

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain
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POSTLUDE