

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday January 5th
Epiphany

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME The First Noel UMH 245

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Journeying together,

Drawing closer to the Christ.

We find some bumps along the way,

No journey will ever be perfectly smooth.

We continue on anyways,

Because we follow one more important than the rest.

OPENING PRAYER

Journeys are hard Lord, but we know that we do not go it alone. We have you, and one another, as we draw closer to the Christ. Help us to learn, help us to grow, help us to Love along the way. Let us remember why we began our journey of faith. Help us remember why we continue our journey of faith. Guide us as we continue on. Amen.

ANTHEM “Carol of the Epiphany” John Bell

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER What Child Is This UMH 219 v 3

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*HYMN We would See Jesus UMH 256

TIME OF PRAYER
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER HYMN “Spirit Song” UMH #347

LESSON I Isaiah 60:1-6 CEB

**Arise! Shine! Your light has come;
the Lord's glory has shone upon you.
² Though darkness covers the earth
and gloom the nations,
the Lord will shine upon you;
God's glory will appear over you.
³ Nations will come to your light
and kings to your dawning radiance.
⁴ Lift up your eyes and look all around:
they are all gathered; they have come to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and your daughters on caregivers' hips.
⁵ Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart will tremble and open wide,
because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you;
the nations' wealth will come to you.
⁶ Countless camels will cover your land,**

**young camels from Midian and Ephah.
They will all come from Sheba,
carrying gold and incense,
proclaiming the Lord's praises.**

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2

Matthew 2:1-12 CEB

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.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE In the Beginning

*HYMN We Three Kings UMH 254

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION

In the beginning was the **Word, into the world came the light.
Yet we tuned out the **W**ord and tried to turn off the light.
Forgive us Lord for the places where we have covered the
lamp and drowned out your whispers.**

PARDON

Hear the good news!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. 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 Father, 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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Is right...and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your...now and for ever.

Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD

RECEIVING COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

Go, Tell It on the Mountain UMH 251

POSTLUDE