

First UMC  
A United Methodist Community  
In Moorestown, New Jersey  
*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

January 3, 2021

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**We Three Kings/Fuer Elise**

**arr. Talor**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

The First Noel

**WELCOME**

Pastor Tom Korkuch

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

**P: In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love,**

**giving light for our darkness, and strength for all our days.**

L: Sing praise to God's name, bow before God in prayer, open your hearts to God's saving word.

**P: Arise, shine, for your light has come!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**O God, you made one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**PSALTER READING 795**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,

**and your righteousness to the royal sun!**

May he judge your people with righteousness,

**and your poor with justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

10-14: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

**May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!**

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

**He has pity on the weak and the needy,**

and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;**

**and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Here I Am to Worship

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men<sup>[a]</sup> from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah<sup>[c]</sup> was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> '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<sup>[d]</sup> my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men<sup>[e]</sup> and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,<sup>[f]</sup> until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,<sup>[g]</sup> they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## SERMON

"Follow the Star"

Pastor Tom Korkuch

## LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

**For those of you watching from home, please have communion elements available to partake together.**

## CLOSING MUSIC

We Three Kings

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING MUSIC

Shine, Jesus Shine

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, Gloria-Jean Opperman, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Barbara Dapper, Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Peg Fagan (mother of Therese Shire, Pre-School Teacher), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber and her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Louise McMeans, Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Barbara Engelbrecht who passed away December 31, 2020.

### SONGS FOR 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### THE FIRST NOEL *(Traditional English Carol)*

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.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

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.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star where ever it went.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel. (Frederick Harris Music Co. Ltd)*

#### HERE I AM TO WORSHIP *(by Tim Hughes) (2000 Kingsway's Thankyou Music)*

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. Chorus:

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (Repeat). Chorus:

WE THREE KINGS (by John Hopkins, Jr.)

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain: 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. Refrain...

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. Refrain...

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. Refrain...

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain... (Public Domain)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE (by Graham Kendrick)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me. (repeat chorus)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. (repeat chorus) (1987 Make Way Music, Ltd.)