



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 10, 2021

Joys and Celebrations

Chimes of the Trinity and Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

All: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Modern Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Special Music

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Scripture

Matthew 2:1012

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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."

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They 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 (Micah 5:2).'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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."

⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bringing Gifts

Rev. John Crabtree

Closing Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Announcements

There will be a PPR meeting via Zoom on Monday the 18th at 6:30 PM.

There will be IN-CHURCH worship for both churches. Trade at 9:30 am and First at 11:00 am. For both wear a mask and use social distancing. Trade enter front door, and First enter by side door.

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www.mountaincitymethodist.org OR www.trademethodist.org

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/FirstUnitedMethodistandTradeUnitedMethodist

Notices

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