Order of Celebration

January 5, 2020 🔶 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship

- Leader: The Christ child is born! All who would find him, prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi. All who would praise him, come with the faith to follow a star. All who would worship him, come with humility to the child who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.
- All: May our worship be filled with the light of Christ Our Savior.

*Song We Three Kings UMH 254

A time of Confession and Renewal

- Leader: The light has come into the world, and the people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God
- All: O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to Christ so that we may follow his way to you.

- Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true. But, if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all our sin.
- All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE WORD		
Old Testament Lesson	lsaiah 12: 2 - 6	pg, 848
Song	Fairest Lord Jesus Verses 1, 3 and 4	UMH 189
Gospel Lesson	Luke 3: 15 - 22	pg, 1248
Message	A New Path for Jesus	
OUR RESPONSE		

Offering Invitation

We offer our gifts to God as a sign of our devotion and faithfulness to the work of God's kingdom here on earth.

Offertory Music

*Doxology

UMH 95

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 Prayer

Lord, you were born in a simple stable and received gifts from the Magi. Please accept our gifts of money today, for we also love you and want to serve you with them. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please join in the communion liturgy as printed in the United Methodist Hymnal on pages 13 - 14. We will begin with "THE GREAT THANKSGIVING". Please join in responses that are in bold print.

If you are unable to come forward, please raise a bulletin and a worship leader will come to you to administer the elements.

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Song O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee UMH 430

Taking the Light to the World

Benediction

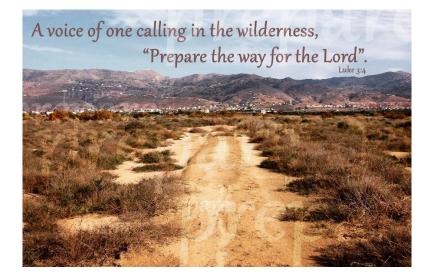
- Pastor: The light of God's purposes has shone upon us. Carry that light into a new year.
- All: The star of God's promises that led us to worship now leads us to serve in God's world.

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee and Conversation in Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable.

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