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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
JANUARY 3, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when [we] are afraid of the light.” Plato

PRELUDE
WELCOME

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you,

People: and God's glory will appear over you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,

People: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away,

People: and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,

People: the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense,

People: and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

HYMN #254 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

RESPONSIVE PSALM 51:1-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

People: so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

People: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

People: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts-debtors)*

HYMN #220 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE LESSON
REFLECTION

Matthew 2:1-12

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Special Music "Let Us Break Bread Together"
vocalist, Luanne Crosby

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN #247 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly!

Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master, thou has won
my heart to serve thee solely! Thou art holy,
fair and glorious, all-victorious, rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.

2. Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine!
O deep within my heart now shine, and make thee there an altar!
fill me with joy and strength to be thy member, ever joined to thee
in love that cannot falter; toward thee longing
doth possess me; turn and bless me; here in sadness
eye and heart long for thy gladness.

*** BENEDICTION**

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Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

People: To God alone all glory be

All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey

Flowers.....Communion

Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor

Soloist.....Luanne Crosby

Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

***Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom or remain in the sanctuary for our
Virtual Coffee Hour.***

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Michele Hluchy
Flowers.....Deb Stephens

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch in hospice care, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Joan Schulze family on the death of her sister's son, Mary Smith and Jen Smith and family on the death of Bill Smith, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), the family of Wendy Fambro on the death of her husband Mick, Mary Lou Cartledge's brother Walter Straight (open heart surgery), Beth Slack's brother will Jacox (Covid)

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission of Your Choice

SPECIAL OFFERING: *The loss of income from this year's Bazaar is significant so the Trustees are asking that you consider giving what you would have spent on the Bazaar as a special offering to the Church in addition to your regular pledge.*

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