

*Doxology **So bring him incense gold and myrrh** vs. 3 UMH 219
 Come peasant, king to own him
 The King of kings salvation brings
 Let loving hearts enthrone him
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary

* Prayer of Dedication
**Gracious God, our gold we give, our prayers as incense, myrrh to mark
 our hope in you, and our way home by another road. Amen.**

*Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Church at Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Hymn "Jesus the Light of the World"

*Benediction

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OUR THANKS TO all those who give of their time, talent, and prayers for this church and
 God's kingdom.

Sound Board: Dave Howard & Micheal Blueford

Ushers 9 am: Gerald Ross

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January 6, 2019 - 9:00 am



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The City Center Church

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*The vision of First United Methodist Church is to be a Vibrant,
 Diverse, Christ-Centered People.*

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

Epiphany Sunday

9:00 am

"I shall find the crystal of peace above me, stars I shall find"

- Sara Teasdale

Songs of Praise

"Take Time"

"Mary's Boy Child"

Welcome and Announcements

*Carol

"I Saw Three Ships"

Oxford Book of Carols

*Call to Worship

There's a song in the air!

There's a star in the sky!

There's a mothers deep prayer

And a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing

For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

*Carol

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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Gathering Prayer

**O God, you made of 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 be-
 fore the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
 now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
 but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
 your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on
 their nurses' arms.
 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations
 shall come to you.
 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Anthem

“The Star Carol”

Alfred Burt

Good News for Young Hearts

Anne Stagner

*Gospel Acclamation

“We Three Kings”

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*The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
 Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
**"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."** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and
 all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests
 and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah
 was to be born. They 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.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them
 the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." When 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.
 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were over-
 whelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child
 with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him hom-
 age. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of
 gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a
 dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by
 another road.

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to your Lord Christ

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A Sermon

“Home by Another Road”

Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis

The Offering

Offertory

“I Saw Three ships”