

First United Methodist Church
828 Lapeer Avenue
Port Huron, Michigan
Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2020
9:30 a.m. worship

Prelude *Star of the East* arr. by Roger C. Wilson

Welcome and Announcements Rev. LuAnn Rourke

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship Reese Sloan

Leader: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who established a new covenant through his Son Jesus Christ.

People: We come in spirit and truth.

*Opening Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* UMH 545
Verses 1,2,3,5

Children's Time Tara Armstrong

Song *A Star Shone Bright* Worship and Song 3051
see screen

Prayer of Adoration Reese Sloan

Leader: Let us worship our Creator, the God of Love who continually preserves and sustains us. We have been loved with an everlasting love. Through Jesus Christ we have been given complete knowledge of God's glory.

People: You are God. We praise you. We acknowledge you to be the Lord.

Leader: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor. He was tempted, but without sin. He went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. He accepted death, even death on a cross; he was dead and is alive forever. He has opened the Kingdom of Heaven for all who trust in him. He sits at the right hand of God. He will come again, just as he said.

People: You, Christ, are the King of Glory.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ. The witness of the Spirit confirms us, the wisdom teaches us, the power enables us, the Spirit will do far more than we ask or think.

People: All Praise to you Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895 Rev. LuAnn Rourke

Ministry of Music *Just Beyond the Manger* Sanctuary Choir
by Joseph M. Martin

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 OT Pew Bible page 690 Reese Sloan

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *We Three Kings* UMH 254
Verses 1 and 2

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 NT Pew Bible page 2 Reese Sloan

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message At Last, the King! Rev. LuAnn Rourke

Invitation to the Offering Reese Sloan
Just as the Magi came with gifts, we come with our gifts too. We offer what we can from what we have, in hope that these offerings will magnify the glory of God among us.

Offertory *We Are Called* Sanctuary Choir
arr. by Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Covenant Renewal and Invitation to Communion—see insert

*Closing Hymn *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* UMH 251

*Blessing and Sending Rev. LuAnn Rourke

Choral Benediction

Postlude *Chanson De Noel* P. Beaumont

*please stand as able

Just Beyond the Manger

Just beyond the manger, I hear no lullabies, I see no golden hay, I feel no starlight. Just beyond the manger, I hear the hammer fall, I see a rugged cross, I feel the chill of night. Just beyond the manger, just beyond the manger, I see no swaddling clothes, I hear no angels sing, I feel no candle glow. Just beyond the manger, I see a lonely hill, the Savior crying still, I hear the thunder roll. Just beyond the manger. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us eyes to see in ev'ry Christmas, Calvary; implant it in our hearts. Help us recall 'mid trees of red and gold, on another tree raised long ago we hung God's brightest star. Just beyond the manger, just beyond the manger, I hear no lullabies, just beyond the manger.

We Are Called

Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, and to walk humbly with God. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and violence will be no more. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, and to walk humbly with God. We'll walk humbly with God. We'll walk humbly with God. We'll walk humbly with, humbly with God.

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OFFICE HOURS

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Welcome

Meditative Thought: *God gave his word. He won't take it back. Jesus is the guarantee of a far better way between us and God—one that really works! A new covenant.*

