



**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**9:00am**

**Tune In: FM 89.7**

**Welcome and Greeting**

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**Prayer for 2020**

*Eternal God, pour your Holy Spirit upon Marion United Methodist Church, the Marion community, and its people. Help us to see where you are leading. Help us to share in your vision for our congregation and community. Help us to be part of the making of disciples. Lead us in being your hands and feet in our community. In the name of Jesus, the holy one of God, we pray. Amen.*

**Hymn**

***We Three Kings***

**UMH 254**

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star. *Refrain*  
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5. Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
west-ward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

**Affirmation of Faith**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture**

**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 overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Invitation to the Table**

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Confession and Pardon**

**ALL:** *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**ALL:** *Glory to God. Amen*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor: God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our living God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, God of all creation; Source of all mercies, fount of love beyond all measure...  
...and with the whole company of heaven, we join the glad song of unceasing praise:

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy are you, and be your name, gracious God,...

...we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here in Christ’s name...

...Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor, glory, and blessing is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Lord’s Prayer****Hymn*****What Child Is This*****UMH 219**

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| <p>1. What child is this who, laid to rest<br/>on Mary’s lap is sleeping?<br/>Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,<br/>while shepherds watch are keeping? <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>2. Why lies he in such mean estate<br/>where ox and ass are feeding?<br/>Good Christians, fear, for sinners here<br/>the silent word is pleading. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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**Refrain**

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

**Benediction**