



January 3rd, 2021

9:00am

Tune In: FM 89.7

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Andrew Kjorlaug

Opening Prayer

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

Angels We Heard on High

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1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

4. See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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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 2:16-18

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Sermon

"And a Child Shall Lead Them"

Rev. Andrew Kjorlaug

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

We Three Kings

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1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star. *Refrain*

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

Refrain

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

Benediction

Prayer Concerns:

Harold Carpenter; Scott Carpenter; Marty Catt; Patsy Catt; Terri Catt; Patricia Davis; Mason Fowler; Emily Kyzar; Wayne Marconi; Errol & Margie Marshall; Kathryn Perkins; Jeremy Roeder; James Sample; Zac Stevens; Mart Thaxton; Billie Williams; Jane Williamson; Tim Williamson; The Family of Chief Gary Kelley; All Hospital Personnel, First Responders, Nursing Home Residents & Staff; Teachers, staff, faculty, and students; COVID19 pandemic