



DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES
LIBERTY POLE, NEW HOPE, AND RETREAT
United Methodist Church

Epiphany
January 3, 2021



⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ~Matthew 2: 9-10

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World

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IN PERSON WORSHIP IS PAUSED

Please send offerings and tithes to Retreat, c/o Jodi Waddell, S6908 Missel Rd, De Soto 54624
Liberty Pole, c/o Bill Marohl, S3784 Bakkon Rd, Viroqua, WI 54665
New Hope UMC, c/o Gloria Warmuth, E812 County UU, De Soto 54624

Online worship is available at

<http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/lpnh/>

You can also access on our You Tube channel – Driftless Ministries
and on the church facebook pages: New Hope and Retreat UMC, and Liberty Pole UMC

Worship service is broadcast on Vernon Communications channel 15. Look for Retreat UMC:
Monday 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 4:30 a.m. & 11:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Thursday 1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m., Saturday 3:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. Sunday 5:30 p.m.

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PRELUDE

Barb Casper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

Barb Robson, Liturgist

L: God is Good **P: All the Time**

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

Light shines in the darkness. A star guides our way to the Christ-child. Hope is born again.

HYMN #245 UMH

The First Noel

OPENING PRAYER

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness.

Open our hearts to perceive your promises of justice and righteousness

fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, see your star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. Amen.

OUR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #254 UMH

We Three Kings

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Daily Epiphany

Pastor Pam

OFFERING PRAYER

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world.

May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness.

Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness.

In Christ we pray, Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #626

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence vs 1-2

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN #2095 TFWS

Star Child

CLOSING BLESSING

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

We follow the star that guides us on our journey this week, this year, and forever.

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #251 UMH *Go Tell It On The Mountain (chorus)*

ON THE CALENDAR

Anytime on facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine

Tuesday – 6:30-7:30 book study on The Post Pandemic Church. Zoom

Wednesday NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope

January 20 6:30 Retreat Board

January 27 1:30 SPRC at New Hope

If you would like a star word for 2021 and did not pick one up on Christmas Eve, send an email to Pastor Pam at pastor@driftlessministry.org

PRAYERS

The United Methodist Church, our military home and abroad, our nation and her leaders, peace in our world, the ministry of the Driftless Region.

- *Retreat: Ron Hanson, Marla Withey*
- *Liberty Pole: Jeff Matson*
- *New Hope: Gloria Warmuth, Mae Ames, Marion Whitney, Carol Snitker*

The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

3. And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

We Three Kings

1. 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.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. *Refrain*

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

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

Star Child

1. Star Child, earth Child, go between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightening rod.

Refrain:

*This year, this year, let the day arrive when
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
Refrain

3. Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
sad child, lost child, story told in tears, Refrain

4. Spare child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store, Refrain

5. Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
Refrain

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain.
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain.
That Jesus Christ is born

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This includes a partial litany with your responses in bold.

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.

**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.**

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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

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And so with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven we praise your name and join
their unending hymn:

**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.

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And so, in remembrance of these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's
offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.