



Sunday, January 3rd, 2021
~ Epiphany Sunday Virtual Service ~

Worship Team: Rev. Dr. Pirie Mitchell, Dan Leaver, Jane Roy,
Keely Melville, Stublely/Horak family

Music Team: Karen Schuessler, Tara Pegg

VU = red hymnal Voices United
Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!

<i>Prelude:</i> The First Nowell (arr. Jerry Ray)	Karen Schuessler
<i>Welcome and Life and Work of the Church</i>	Rev. Pirie
<i>Lighting of the Christ Candle</i>	Dan Leaver
<i>Indigenous Land Acknowledgement</i>	Rev. Pirie
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Dan Leaver

The Magi were on a journey, a journey to find the Christ Child. The child was hidden in a barn, just a few miles from Jerusalem. The wise men had figured it out by observing signs around them. The quest was real for them. Throughout the ages wise men and women have been seeking this child of God. We are on that journey today. We have our gifts of treasure and energy to give to the child. The child is the leader and we are his followers. We are on a journey which never ends as the end is just ahead of us. Follow the light of the star.

Prayer of Approach (in unison) Rev. Pirie

O God of the heavenly star, guide us we pray. In our quest for the Jesus of history help us see the Jesus of our faith and where we can place our Christian energy. Lead us on our journey to Bethlehem where the child of faith, and sufferer for a cause so generously given, is resting in a manger almost in reach. Help us commit ourselves to his cause and thereby your worldwide cause of brotherhood and sisterhood in faith. We journey together. Amen.

Hymn: The First Nowell

VU 91 verses 1, 3, & 5

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

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

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*
5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

Learning with Children

Dan Leaver

Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU page 921)

Jane Roy and Keely Melville

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Scripture: Scripture reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Oliver Horak
Secular reading: The Magi Amanda-Lynn Stubley & Martin Horak
Scripture reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 Jacob Horak

Sermon: The Search

Rev. Pirie

Hymn: I Am the Light of the World

VU 87 verses 1 & 2

*Refrain: I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun. *Refrain*
2. To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Pirie

Prayers of the People:

Rev. Pirie

Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old

VU 81 verses 1 & 2

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your splendour see.
2. As with joyful steps they sped,
to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before
Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with eager pace
ever seek your throne of grace.

Commissioning & Benediction

Rev. Pirie

Congregational Response (in unison)

VU 298

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

A New Year's Blessing: A Celtic Prayer (Barry Peters)

Senior Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmC-y6kzQ6U>

WK Coffee Time

Stay tuned to hear who Glen is speaking with this week!

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Happy New Year!