

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday – January 3, 2021, Worship Guide

(On-line Worship Video available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, www.gladstonechurch.org)

Music to Center Ourselves: “We Three Kings”

Debbie Hubbard

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

God of the stars, whose guiding light is ever with us: shine through your Word as we look and listen, so that we may recognize your abiding presence, and reflect your gracious light, despite the dark places in our lives and in our world. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “*What Child Is This*” UMH 219

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

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Sharing from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-14

Dennis Stanek

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him.

Scripture taken from Common English Bible: Matthew 2:1-3

Sharing with Music: “*My Soul Magnifies the Lord*”

Praise Team

Come and worship, do not be afraid. My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord. My soul magnifies the Lord. He has done great things for me, great things for me.

Words&Music: Chris Tomlin & Daniel Carson

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Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Musical Response: “*Make Room*”

Praise Team

Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart for God to write His story? ... You can come as you are. It may set you apart when you make room in your heart and trade your dreams for His glory. Make room in your heart. Make room in your heart.

Words&Music: Matt Maher & Mark Hall

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Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Musical Reflection: “*Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth*

Drew Fase

Prayer after Communion and Blessing to Serve

Emmanuel, God who is with us, thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us, shining into and through our lives. Grant that we may go into the world to give ourselves for others, boldly proclaiming where we have experienced the love of God, in the light of Jesus Christ, shimmering through the Holy Spirit. Amen.