

**David's UCC on January 3, 2021**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Online Worship Bulletin**



Opening Music – *Tim Williams and Lyn Morton*

(please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Richard S. Willis, arr. by Diane Bish

"March of the Kings" from L'Arlesienne Suite by George Bizet,  
arr. by Melody Bober

"I'm Gonna Let It Shine" (This Little Light of Mine & Deep and Wide),  
arr. by Melody Baker

"Star Carols" Alfred Burt and Hopkins, arr. by Jay Rouse

*"Dear Baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art, I'll make a place for Thee in my heart, and when the stars in the Heavens I see, ever and always I think of Thee."*

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Many: We understand Christ as the creative voice in all the universe.**

One: Christ is life, a life-light that could not be overcome.

**Many: The impossible is possible—evil shall not overwhelm good.**

One: The human one who was pre-existent voice, true shining, was rejected by the world and ill-received by his neighbors.

**Many: The only-begotten of God who is the prophet of Nazareth, gives us power today to live as the children of God.**

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Special Music –

"We Three Kings" John H. Hopkins, arr. by Joel Raney

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Jesus Christ, God with us, you came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. We have not always lived up to your expectations for us. We confess that too often we are dry in spirit; fill us with your grace. We are often wrapped up in ourselves; open us to others. We are sometimes slow to learn; teach us of your ever-expanding truth. We waste ourselves in things that do not satisfy; whet our hunger and thirst for justice. We are too soon scattered like grains of the field; gather us into a single loaf. We are frequently distracted of mind. Direct us to what is most important: your love for us, your will for our lives, and your sustaining presence in every circumstance. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord’s Prayer –

Hymn – “The First Noel”

(Tim and Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 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.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel,  
Born in a manger, Emmanuel.**
  
- 2. They looked above and saw a star;  
While three sages came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel...**
  
- 3. This star shown bright in the northwest,  
O’er Bethlehem it seemed to rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel...**
  
- 4. Then entered in those magi three,  
And bending low upon their knee,  
They offered there, in great reverence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel...**

Canticle – Psalm 72: 1-7, 12-14 (adapted from The Message and NRSV)

One: Give the gift of wise rule to our leaders, O God, the gift of just rule to the princes of this world.

**Many: May our leaders judge your people rightly, act honorably toward the meek and lowly.**

One: Let the mountains give exuberant witness; shape the hills with the contours of right living.

**Many: May they stand up for the poor, help the children of the needy, come down hard on the cruel tyrants.**

One: Outlasting the sun, outliving the moon – age after age after age.

**Many: May their rule be like rainfall on cut grass, earth-refreshing rain showers.**

One: Let righteousness burst into blossom throughout this rule;

**Many: And peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

One: For God delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those with no helper.

**Many: God has pity on the weak and the needy. From oppression and violence God redeems our lives.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Epistle: Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

Gospels: Matthew 2: 1 – 12; John 1: 9 – 14, 16 – 18

Sermon – “And The Light Overcomes the Darkness”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” Christmas spiritual,  
arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

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