

Welcome and Announcements

- Gathering Hymn: "We Three Kings" vs. 1-3 WOV #646 Pianist, Debbi St. John
 - Verse 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 night! Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!
 - Verse 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)
 - Verse 3: Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising, gladly raising, Worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

- C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us new.
- P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

The book of Job: Job 38:1-11, 42:1-6 read by Carter Dicke and Madyson Thomforde

^{38:1}Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ²"Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸"Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?

^{42:1} Then Job replied to the Lord: ²"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴"You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' ⁵My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Student Messages: by Carter Dicke and Madyson Thomforde Why does suffering exist?

Teaching: Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day: "Jesus Name Above All Names"

Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God. Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords. The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: by Avery Tipton (call and response)

L: Let us Pray.... L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

The Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

The Meal & Hymn: "Jesus Remember Me" #616 2X

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Communion Prayer:

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing: (*Please stand as you are able.*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending: "Go Tell It On The Mountain" #290

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

- Verse 1: While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. [Refrain]
- Verse 2: The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]
- Verse 3: Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]
- Sending: P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God!

Thank you to the Tipton family for ushering this evening.

Car Conversations: On the way home, consider asking each other, "What's one new thing I learned tonight?" "What's one thing I'd like to learn more about?"

Faith Five this week: Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together. SHARE your highs and lows for the week. READ a piece of scripture together (you can re-read the scripture from our Wednesday night service). TALK about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. PRAY for each other incorporating your highs and lows. BLESS each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

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