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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 5, 2025 – 10:00am
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

We Three Kings Of Orient Are
by John H. Hopkins, Jr.
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

Jesus, Name Above All Names

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

What gift shall we bring to treasure honor King Jesus, who honors us with the gifts of love and grace?

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

Gracious God, we come into your presence with joy and praise, grateful for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives. As we celebrate this gift in our service of worship, fill our hearts with Christmas joy and our spirits with the gift of your Holy Spirit. With joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.

Bring your worship and bring your praise to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.

*OPENING HYMN:

The First Noel

UMH 245 (vss 1,2,5)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Christ Jesus, we yearn for your grace to fill our lives. We yearn to accept your love so fully that our hearts might overflow with love for your world. Gift us, not just with your mercy and grace, but with an openness and confidence to receive your gifts. Shine through our hearts, our lives, and our actions, that others may find in us generous friends of grace and love. May our prayers and our actions bring your light and love to the world. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ's grace, we can boldly embrace God's love. In Christ's mercy, we can confidently proclaim that God's love is enough.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

On this day of celebration, let us bring our gifts, as sages of old once brought gifts to Christ the King. May our gifts become the light of Christ for the world.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Sleep Of The Infant Jesus

*French carol**arr. by Eugenie Rocherolle*

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Generous God, thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for the gifts of Christmas. Thank you for inviting us to bring gifts to your world. Bless the gifts we bring, that they may become vessels of Christ's light and love in the world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")

*GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 2:1-12

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Matthew the 2nd chapter, beginning with the 1st verse...

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹ After 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.

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"We Walk Together"

Rev. Audrey Rochet

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, UMH 13-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING IN UNISON

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***BENEDICTION:**

Arise; shine!

The world needs our light.

Go forth with grace and love.

Every person needs our grace and love.

Go forth with the gift of Christ's presence.

Christ's presence will save us all. Amen.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

Ding Dong! Merrily on High!
French Carolyn Setliff

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Announcements

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays Bible Study:

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.

For information about the **Spanish Bible Study** day and time call Pastor Audrey at (630) 670-3580

Good Samaritan Fund. Our Good Samaritan Fund is low. Money in this fund is used to help church members with financial assistance for housing, food and medical bills. If you would like to donate to boost this fund, please put your check in the collection plate. Make sure you put Good Samaritan Fund on the memo line. Your consideration to contribute to this fund is very much appreciated.

If you are able, please consider donating to our Good Samaritan Fund this Christmas.

Saturday Kids Club. Every Saturday from 10:30am to 12:45 pm.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Cherryvale Place: *Carol Waxler.*

At Home: *Aida DeJesus.*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Jennifer Martin, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera, Connie Kim.*

BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Jorge Gomez

1/9 Gabriel Mankarious

1/9 Carl Dean

1/10 Tara Arencibia

Joys and Concerns

12/29/24

Joyce Russ requests prayers for Vie and John. John fell down and may have broken his foot. He went to the ER and saw a doctor but they are not sure how badly his foot was affected. He is under a lot of pain. He will have to return to the doctor. Vie is also suffering from serious back pain.

Bev Dahlgren requests prayers for Tara Arencibia who had to go to the ER and was diagnosed with the flu. Sharon has a head cold. Please keep both Tara and Sharon in your prayers.

Janie Kellerman requests prayers for Jan Rungren who is battling a consistent cough that will not go away.

Pam Sanders requests prayers for an ex-coworker's husband, Jim McGee, who fell and hurt his head and is under a lot of pain.

We hope you will worship with us again.

You can call Pastor Audrey if you need any assistance, please contact her at 630.670.3580.

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