

First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“How to Listen”

I am going to cock my head tonight like a dog
in front of McGlinchy's Tavern on Locust;

I am going to stand beside the man who works all day combing
his thatch of gray hair corkscrewed in every direction.

I am going to pay attention to our lives
unraveling between the forks of his fine-tooth comb.

For once, we won't talk about the end of the world
or Vietnam or his exquisite paper shoes.

For once, I am going to ignore the profanity and
the dancing and the jukebox so I can hear his head crackle
beneath the sky's stretch of faint stars.

~ Major Jackson

PRELUDE

Selection from “I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

Jordan Ortman, organ

Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

THE CALL

HYMN

“We Three Kings”

Jordan Ortman, organ

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Helga Schroeder

Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

*‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

Essrea Cherin

SERMON *You Are The Light of the World*

Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “We Three Kings”
Glenna Briant, piano

Arr. John H. Hopkins

PRAYER

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN

“The First Noel”
Jordan Ortman, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Moffitt

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Marsch der heiligen drei Könige” A. W. Leupold (1868-1940)
 (“March of the Three Holy Kings”)
Jordan Ortman, organ

***This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let’s remember to offer peace to one another.***

THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talents to today’s service:

Glenna Briant
Essrea Cherin
Jordan Ortman
Helga Schroeder

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5291240473>

Join Us Online for Worship Next Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

January Special Offering benefits Human Relations Sunday

The January special offering will support Human Relations Sunday, one of denomination-wide special offerings that we participate in each year. Human Relations Day is observed on the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which this year is Monday, January 18, but you can contribute to this special offering throughout the month of January. Your gift strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write “January special offering” in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church at 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. If you’d prefer to give online through our website, click on the green “Give” tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, click the “Donate Now” button, and type in the amount you’d like to give on the line for “January Mission Offering.” Thank you for your generous support of this special offering.

Giving to FUMC During the Pandemic

Just a reminder that FUMC can still receive your offering gifts to support God’s work in the world. Mail is still being checked several times each week in the church office, so you can mail checks, made payable to First United Methodist Church, to 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. You can also give online via our website: <https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.