Happening @ Hanover UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Today, January 3, 2021 Second Sunday of Christmastide

Prelude: Fugue in E Minor, J.S. Bach

Announcements

Call to Worship: In unison

Holy Light of all the nations, shine upon us and upon all humankind. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may be beacons of hope to all the earth, bringing the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of God for the people of God **Thanks be to God!**

Call to Offering: In unison

Maker of all things, wisdom of God, light of the world, you fill our hands with abundance and our hearts with hope. As the magi brought their treasure to the infant Jesus, we bring these gifts to you with joy, that you may use them to bring light and peace to our world. Amen

Offertory: The Ash Grove, Wilbur Held

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson: Mathew 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; 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. saving, "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. 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.

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Sermon: Tale of Two Kings

Holy Communion: (Please have your own juice and bread ready)

Sending Forth: In unison

Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you. May God fill you with the light, and make you shine like a beacon of hope for everyone to see. Amen

Postlude: O God, Thou Faithful God, J. Brahms

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We will be worshipping online only until further notice. To participate in the Zoom Devotion time, see details under the Fellowship tab on our website.

Organist: David Hottel Pianist: Yvonne Davis Praise Team: Jacob DeAtley, Deano Crafton and Jeff Croxton

Music of the Season Continues!

Join us at noon today for music by Jacob DeAtley and at 3:00 for music by Yvonne Davis. Both will air on Facebook and be available after the scheduled airtimes.

HAPPENING IN JANUARY

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Sun	3	8:00 am	Facebook Live	
		9:30 Zoom Fellowship and Devotions		
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group	
Monday 4			Care Team	
		7:00 pm	Worship	
Tuesday 5		6:00 pm	Finance (Zoom)	
		7:00 pm	Ad Council (Zoom)	
Sun	10	8:00 am	Facebook Live	
		9:30 Zoom Fellowship and Devotions		
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group	
Friday 8		9:00 am-11:00	Food Pantry	
Sun	17	8:00 am	Facebook Live	
		9:30 Zoom Fellowship and Devotions		
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group	
Sun	24	8:00 am	Facebook Live	
		9:30 Zoom Fello	wship and Devotions	
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group	
Friday 22		9:00 am-11:00	Food Pantry	
Sun	31	8:00 am	Facebook Live	
		9:30 Zoom Fellowship and Devotions		
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group	

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Thank you!



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