

As With Gladness

As with gladness sages bold
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, true Morning Star, may we
evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before
One whom heaven and earth adore, so, may we
with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

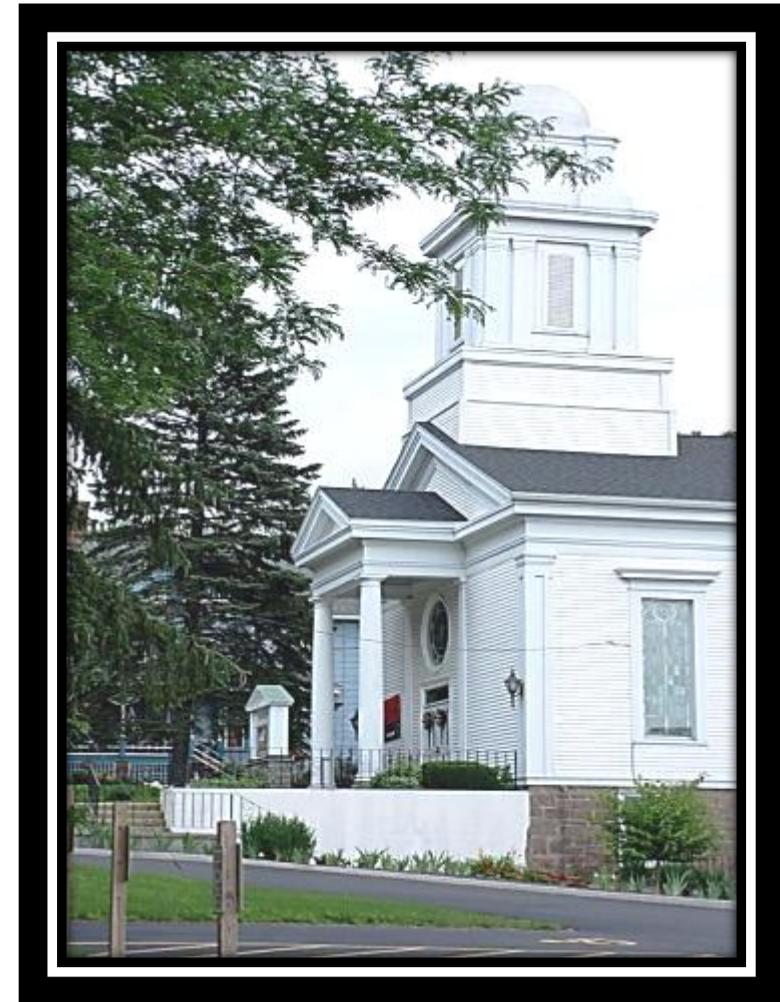
As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you from whom they spring.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed
lives at last where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 10, 2020



Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us

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10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, a community of faith, a city on a hill, in a dark, divided world.
We gather to celebrate that the deepest darkness
cannot extinguish even the faintest light,
to be reminded that love will always be more powerful than violence,
and to affirm our trust that the grace and truth of Christ Jesus
which are alive among us
will always free the oppressed and release the captives
wherever they may be found.

We gather as people of faith, citizens of the lighted city.
Welcome to worship.
Let us praise our God together

Dedication of 2021 Church Leaders

Opening Hymn: #172 "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

[Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)]

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again

King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom,
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise,
Christ and God and sacrifice:
alleluia, alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Astrologers from the East came to Jerusalem"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using **debts** and **debtors**)
Response

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn #173, As With Gladness** (*Lyrics on back page*)

***Benediction**

***Response**

Organ Postlude:

***Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit