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Greeting and Outreach Announcements

Prelude He Shall Feed His Flock

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God's light shines upon all nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

God gathers us from far away and carries us; we receive the abundance God gives.

**We respond in praise; with our gives and our very selves, we worship God.**

\*Gathering Song:

We Three Kings

**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!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
over us all to reign. (Refrain)**

**Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising gladly raising,  
worshipping God Most High. (Refrain)**

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help.**

**Forgive us for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

\*Sharing the peace of Christ

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>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 in their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

Special Music Scripture	Thou didst leave thy throne Matthew 2	Mary Morse See Insert
Message	A Refugee named Jesus	Rev. Edward Dunn
*Responding Song	Born in the Night, Mary's Child	158

**Born in the night, Mary's Child,  
a long way from your home;  
coming in need, Mary's Child,  
born in a borrowed room.**

**Clear shining light, Mary's Child,  
your face lights up our way;  
Light of the world, Mary's Child,  
dawn on our darkened day.**

**Truth of our life, Mary's Child,  
you tell us God is good;  
yes, it is true, Mary's Child,  
shown on your cross of wood.**

**Hope of the world, Mary's Child,  
you're coming soon to reign;  
King of the earth, Mary's Child,  
walk in our streets again.**

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table  
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. 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 of the Bread You are invited to come forward and receive the bread and dip it in the cup. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you. Please indicate that you would like to receive communion at your seat.*

Prayer after Communion

\*Sending Song

We Three Kings

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

**Refrain:**

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

**Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)**

Blessing

Postlude

How Great Our Joy!

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