

**In your prayers this week please remember:**

- Norma Lachelle and Marjorie Thornburgh who are homebound or in care centers
- Kristen Brown, Coordinator of interpretation, education, and advocacy through Methodist liaison office in Jerusalem



**First United Methodist Church of Corvallis**

**January 6, 2019**

Epiphany: What to do with this story?

**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!**

**Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; Closed: noon to 1 p.m.  
Closed on Fridays  
541.752.2491**

We are a **Reconciling Congregation** that welcomes everyone into full participation in the life of this church! Your age, sexual orientation, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, economic situation, marital status, and physical or mental condition will enrich the fabric of our community. We accept all people as children of God.

We are a congregation on a journey to Sustainability, recognizing that we are stewards of God's creation for all generations, and believing that all human needs must be met equitably. The **Natural Step Framework** is our guide to Sustainability.

**MINISTRY LEADERSHIP:**

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***OUR MISSION IS to bring people into a living relationship with God,  
through Jesus Christ, that we might love the world as God loves the world.***

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*\*indicates stand if you are able*

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Small Black Book)*

**Prelude** "Noël provençal" Michel Corrette

**\*Greeting One Another**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you...  
**... and also with you.**

**\*Epiphany Carol** "The First Noel" **UMH #245**  
(vs. 1,3,5)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**God, whose name is Love, as Christmas continues and a new year unfolds, we come together as followers of Jesus, longing to be faithful to the life and teachings that first brought us to this life together. May your love lead us forward, until your kingdom comes in fullness. Amen.**

**\*Epiphany Carol** "Sing We Now of Christmas" **UMH #237**  
(vs. 1,4,5)

## Now Testament

### Prelude to Prayer

*Please have your prayer cards ready to pass quickly to the ushers during this musical interlude.*

### Prayers of the People

Pastor: God of love...

**We thank you for your presence...**

Silent Prayer

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 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.**

Prayer Song            "In the Bleak Midwinter"            **UMH #221**  
*(vs. 4 only)*

### Offering

Offertory            "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"            Howard Helvey

### Offering Prayer

God of love, As a new year opens before us, we make this offering from our abundance, hoping we can make an offering with our lives as well . May we be gifts of love to those we encounter. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*Offering Song**            **UMH #94**  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Song**            "Where Children Belong"            **TFWS #2233**  
**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

### Kids and Grown-Ups Together

*All children are welcome to stay for worship with their families or childcare is available for preschool through kindergarten in room 118. Special worship bags for children are outside the sanctuary entrance.*

**Scripture**            Matthew 2            **Pew Bible NT p. 1&2**  
*Sung refrain only: "We Three Kings"*            **UMH #254**

**Reflection**            What to do with this story?

### Holy Communion

"Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling"            Hector Berlioz

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion! All the bread is gluten free and individual cups are available at the center front. After you are served you are welcome to pray at the rail. If you wish or need to be served in your pew, please notify an usher.*

**\*Closing Song**            "Let Us Be Bread"            **TFWS #2260**

### Benediction

**Postlude**            "Michau qui causoit ce grand bruit"  
*(Michaut who causes this great noise)*

Jean-François Dandrieu

*You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude, but you are also welcome to leave now quietly.*

Liturgist: Bill Proebsting

Acolytes: Lucy Thomas and John Foltz