



On the road with
Wise Men



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 am Worship
January 3, 2021
Epiphany

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Today Lord we gather on this first Sunday of the New Year in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement and expectation.

**We do not know what the year holds for us
and there are things we are afraid of:**

worries about health, family, job security and finances,
but there is much to look forward to –

**weddings or anniversaries or baptisms,
holidays to enjoy, friends to laugh with and hug.**

The coming year is full of uncertainty and hope, but we trust you and place every day in your care, knowing you are with us and you care for us with constant love.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of gathering

“Infant holy, infant lowly”

Hymnal 206

“Joy to the world”

Hymnal 318

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Matthew 2:1-12

“Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

Hymnal 211

Message

“God’s Open Road”

Dave Stevens

“For I know the plans that I have for you, says the LORD—
plans for your well-being and not for harm, to give you a future
with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).

Understanding Unexpected Life-Changes

Disciples	Jesus
Past ←----- MAN -----→ Future	
What made this happen?	What will <i>now</i> happen?
Story completed	Story on-going
Future decided	Future open

Responding to God's Word

"Worship the Lord in the beauty"

Hymnal 220

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

First-Footing Prayer (a practice of Celtic Christian faith)

Sending

"Good Christian friend, rejoice"

Hymnal 210

*Benediction

Friends, receive this as God's word **for you**: "I know the plans that I have for you, says the LORD—plans for your well-being and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

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Welcome to worship at Hope Mennonite Church. We are glad you have joined us for our Epiphany "On the road" worship this morning, whether in person or via Zoom. The service is available on Zoom recordings Monday-Thursday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Amy Bellar

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Scripture reader: Marcus Loganbill

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Church Office Hours

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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Kim Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Staff meeting Monday- 9:30-11 a.m.

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link on our website
hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see
pictures and receive updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving:

Giving the first and best of what we are given
as a worship response to God.

December 27

Attendance 59

(Hope 17; Zoom live 37; Zoom recorded 5)

Offering \$10,472

Year-to-date \$243,111

Spending plan total \$245,000

Caring Fund - \$500

Our Purpose:

As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world.

On the Road with Wise Men art: “Adoration of the Magi” by Giotto di Bondone. Scrovegni Chapel, Padua. c. 1305-6. Fresco. Proto-Renaissance.

Our “First footing” prayer today includes movement. At Hope, we will pass through the north door of the sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall. This symbolizes leaving behind the old year of 2020. We then re-enter through the south door which symbolizes entering the new year of 2021. If you’re joining on Zoom, you are invited to make two “thresholds” to cross near your device—one to cross and leave 2020 and one to cross and enter 2021. It can be as simple as two strings on the floor to step across, or turning your body in a new direction. Pastor Dave will indicate in the prayer when to move.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 3-9)

Monday -6:30 pm Music Committee

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 10-16)

Sunday -Adult and Youth Sunday School

Tuesday -7:00 pm Vision Council

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The December 25 issue of “Anabaptist World” is available on the table at the front entrance. The focus is on “Joy to the World even(especially!) this year.” Pick up your copy today.

Marcus Loganbill will begin a 2-month Sunday School series, beginning January 10, titled “Outrageous Justice” using a curriculum developed by Prison Fellowship, the nation’s largest Christian nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners, and their families. They are a leading voice for criminal justice reform. This class will be held on Zoom 15-20 minutes following worship. Read the article in the January newsletter for more information.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for God’s strength and peace for pastors in Western District Conference, as they look ahead to ministry in the coming year.

...Pray for all of our Mennonite Mission Network workers around the world as they adapt to changes in their ministries due to Covid.

Infant holy, infant lowly 206

W ZLOBIE LEZY 87. 87. 88. 77

1 In - fant ho - ly, in-fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;
 2 Flocks weresleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing vi-gil till the morn-ing new,

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry - tid - ings of a gos-pel true.

Swift-ly wing-ing an - gels sing-ing, bells are ring-ing, tid-ings bring-ing:
 Thus re-joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor-row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!
 Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, *Music and Youth*, 1925, *Panpipes*, 1925

Music: Polish folk melody; adapted by A. E. Rusbridge

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Joy to the world

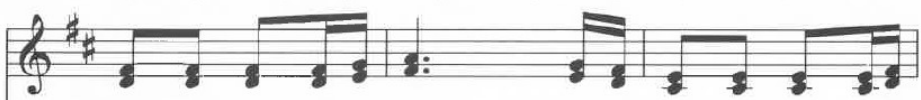
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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and
 ploy while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re -
 ground. He comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heav'n and na - ture sing,

211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS' 76. 76. 676

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem has sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind.
 3 Flow - er, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where.

It came, a flow - eret bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 us a sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 death he saves us, and light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Text: anonymous, *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*, (Sts. 1,2), *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirkengeseng*, 1599, Friedrich Layritz (St. 3), *Liederschatz*, 1832; tr. Theodore Baker (Sts. 1-2), 1894, Harriet K. Spaeth, *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirkengeseng*, 1599; harmonized by Michael Praetorius, *Musae Sionae*, VI, 1609

Worship the Lord in the beauty 220

WAS LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET 12 10. 12 10

1,5 Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of hol - i - ness,
 2 Low at his feet lay your bur - den of care - ful - ness,
 3 Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slen - der - ness
 4 these, though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness,

bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim.
 high on his heart he will bear it for you,
 of the poor wealth you would count as your own.
 he will ac - cept for the name that is dear,

Gold of o - be - dience and in - cense of low - li - ness
 com - fort your sor - rows, and an - swer your prayer - ful - ness,
 Truth in its beau - ty, and love in its ten - der - ness -
 morn - ings of joy give for eve - nings of tear - ful - ness,

bring and a - dore him; the Lord is his name!
 guid - ing your steps in a way that is true.
 these are the of - f'ings to bring to his throne;
 trust for our trem - bling, and hope for our fear.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, *Hymns of Love and Praise*, 1863, alt.

Music: *Manuscript Chorale Book*, 1754

Good Christian friends, rejoice 210

IN DULCI JUBILO 66. 77. 78. 55

F **C**

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice.
 ~ 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice.
 ~ 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice.

F/A **C⁷** **F** **C⁷** **F** **Gm/B^b** **F/C** **C⁷** **F**

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day!
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

F/A **C⁷** **F** **C⁷** **Dm** **Gm/B^b** **F/C** **C⁷** **F**

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are bless'd for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Dm **A^{SUS}** **A⁷** **Dm** **C** **F** **Gm** **C** **F**

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: *In dulci jubilo*, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale, *Carols for Christmastide*, 1853, alt.

Music: *Geistliche Lieder*, 1535; harmonized by Robert L. Pearsall