

January 2, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone. This is a time for beginnings, a time to encounter God.

P: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

L: Look to the heavens and wonder at the magnitude of space. Look around you at the amazing variety of creation.

P: You have made everything suitable for its time. You have made us and crowned us with glory and honor.

L: Ponder the meaning of our days in the face of eternity. Consider again what God has called us to do and to be.

P: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands. You have called us to minister to the least of your children.

*HYMN

"He Is Born"

UMH No. 228

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

CONVENANT RENEWAL

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servant....Let us therefore go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your guidance. I will work to offer myself up to your will of love in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ's will is that we love as God first loved us.

Lord, help me live according to your will. I put myself in your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart offer myself.

Christ is the Savior of all God's children...open your hearts to the Lord as we pray:

I welcome Christ as the living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him, acknowledging my own brokenness: hungry, sinful, blind and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of his servants. I acknowledge my own unworthiness and praise God for loving me in spite of it. I acknowledge my own limited understanding and pray that I might take Christ as my wisdom. I acknowledge my own imperfect will and pray that I might take God's perfect will of love as my guide. I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall. Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"King Me!"

Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

UMH No. 254

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **Generous and loving God, we have received your gift of new life through the birth of your Son and by sharing in the bread and cup, now receive our lives made new by your blessing. As we renew our covenant with you, may we plant seeds, heal wounds, and build up your world. May we love and seek and embrace your children. We dedicate our lives and our offerings toward the realization of your vision in our midst. In this New Year, we pray, multiply and prosper our ministries in Christ's name. Amen.**

*HYMN

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH No. 249

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Blest Be the Tie That Binds No. 557, v. 1*

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* For those who are able, please stand