



Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

****We acknowledge that the land on which we
gather is the traditional territory of the
Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and
Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn # 91 "The First Nowell"

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay akeeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Call to Worship:

Light shines in shadowed places.

Hope abounds where once there was fear.

God's Chosen One is born into our hearts.

**We honour Jesus with gifts of devotion, love, and
commitment.**

We worship with gladdened hearts.

Opening Prayer:

**God of the Ages; you called the magi
to travel from far away to find Jesus.**

You call us to journey into the unknown.

**We know that you go with us even if the steps we take
are new and sometimes uncertain and unfamiliar.**

Assure us, in this time of worship, that you do go with us.

**Grant us the courage to open our lives
to the new opportunities that lie ahead. Amen.**

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 87 "I Am the Light of the World"

*I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found
their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:
I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

*To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth
and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above!
I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

*To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere!
I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

*To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth!
I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

Commissioning and Benediction

*Happy Birthday this coming week to
Sydney Coulbeck, George Osborne,
Barbara Suominen and Normalie Voakes.*

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