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Crossroads UMC Online Worship 01-03-2021

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words of Welcome

Morning Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer)

Great God, you have poured out grace upon grace, freely, in great abundance on each person, though we never earned it and don't deserve it. In Christ you have made new through his love on the Cross; My sins crumble away. In Christ I are forgiven, signed with the Spirit, lavished with gift upon gift, released into hope to live for praise and for glory. This we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Praise

**Like A Child
FWS# 2092**

Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend, like a child and a friend, Jesus comes. Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes.

Like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet, like a child on the street, Jesus comes. Like a child we once knew coming back interview, like a child born a new, Jesus comes.

Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a child here to stay, Jesus comes. Like a child we receive all that love can conceive, like a child we believe, Jesus comes.

Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him." When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and



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everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Duet

Away in a Manger
Kyle & Kate

Sermon

Looking For The Light
Pastor Scott Walters

Wesley Covenant Prayer (unison)

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Praise

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning
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When Christmas morning is dawning, I wish that I could be there by the manger cradle, God's Son, newborn, to see. There by the manger cradle, God's Song, newborn, to see.



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How kind of you, our Savior, for us to come to earth. O May we not by sinning, despise your lowly birth. O may we not by sinning, despise your lowly birth.

We need you, O Lord Jesus, to be our dearest friend. Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end. Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.

Announcement & Blessing