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Prelude: A Time for Prayer and Meditation

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

Call to Worship Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

Opening Prayer Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings Pastor Mollie Bradshaw

Hymn *Angels From the Realms of Glory* 220 UMH

Pastoral Prayer: Joys and Concerns

Special Music *O, How I Love Jesus* Anna Wu
(arr. David Paxton)

Scripture Text: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message: "What Are We Seeking?"

Rev. Mollie Bradshaw

Holy Communion

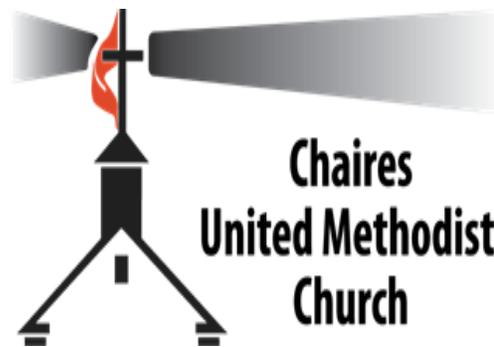
Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

230 UMH

Benediction and Sending Forth

Postlude



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