



Arise, Shine!

January 3, 2020

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

Lou Grettenberger, Senior Pastor

We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Light! Light, light, and more light! Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

People: For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Leader: The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you. Let us worship the Christ child together!

Hymn #254

"We Three Kings"

Children's Message

Call to Confession

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.

Reflection on Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God and Parent of us all: we have moved through this season of family and Christmas joy, and we are reminded that beyond our earthly families, you have adopted us into your redeemed family. Through the saving, redeeming work of the incarnation, we have become heirs, and our redemption is the magnificent gift of salvation. We give our gifts, but we give ourselves as the only fitting response to your adoption of us, your rebellious children. Lead us in your way into this new year. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures		Isaiah 60:1-6
Worship Song	<i>"Shine on Us"</i>	Smith/Smith Meg Horist
A Reading from the Gospel		Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	<i>"Arise, Shine"</i>	Pastor Lou
Sacrament of Communion		See Insert

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, this meal we shared together is a remembrance of your radical love for all people. We thank you for sending your light into this world. May it strengthen us as we open our minds and hearts to new ways of recognizing your presence among us. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #2235 *"We Are Marching"*

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Parting Music

**Stand as you are able*



Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.



Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘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.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men[e] and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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." When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Great Thanksgiving: Epiphany

We give you thanks, O God, for making your love evident since the very beginning of time when you spoke the word which replaced the darkness of chaos with life-giving light. A light which has nurtured generations of people, and plants and creatures, great and small. A light which also revealed the fear and powerlessness caused by corrupt and evil actions. And so you spoke the Word which would once and for all dispel the darkness of chaotic lives. Through your love for the world the Word became flesh and lived among us full of grace and truth. The angels caroled glory to you in the highest heavens and peace to all people on earth, and we join with them and with all people to praise your holy name:

**Holy Lord, God of endless love,
heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.
The angels sang of it—we have been lavished with it.
Blessed is he who was born that we might have life.
Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.**

Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, so we also are overwhelmed on finding out the depth of his love for us. For Jesus showed just how beloved we are to him, by loving us and giving himself for us. On that night when he gave himself up for us, as he sat at the table and broke bread with his friends, he said: 'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.' After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said: 'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you—the beginning of a new relationship with God.'

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh—Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him—living out his ministry in the world today and every day. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Take, eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lou Grettenberger – Pastor

Carla Kocher - Announcements

Bruce Bishop – Online Liturgist

Megan Horist – Music & Production

Marna Jeffery – Organ & Keyboard

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
- share the Good News
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God

CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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A staff member will answer calls to the church office (616-842-7980) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cell phone listed above. Staff members are monitoring emails. The church building is still closed at this time.

Sunday, January 3, 2021 – Epiphany

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Online Worship Service at www.umcdunes.org

Visit www.umcdunes.org/worship to view the online worship service. Each Sunday worship service will be posted beginning at 8:30 a.m. and is available to watch throughout the day and week. You can also find these on the church's YouTube channel. To find the channel, type Church of the Dunes YouTube into an internet search.

Announcements

COMMUNION - JANUARY 3 - ONLINE AND DRIVE-THROUGH OPTIONS:

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 3. If you wish, gather some bread and juice from your kitchen, and Pastor Lou will bless it to take during the online worship service. If you prefer, visit drive-through communion in the church parking lot from 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. (*Please note the time change from the previous month.*) Drive to the drop-off area of the parking lot, near the church building. Servers, wearing masks, will bring individually-wrapped communion elements to your vehicle. You are welcome to receive communion then, or take it home to receive there.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDIES AND DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR ADULTS:

New Bible studies and discussion groups are scheduled to begin in January. These classes will meet online, using Zoom. Schedule details, book information, and sign-up instructions are provided in the January Dunes Digest newsletter. If you need assistance connecting with the newsletter, please contact the church office at office@umcdunes.org or (616) 842-7980.

January studies and discussion groups include:

FaithLink - meets weekly on Sundays

Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths - Sunday Book Discussion Group, meets January 17

Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral - Monday Night Book Group, meets January 25

Twelve Parables of Jesus - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, begins January 12

HOPE: Your Heart's Deepest Longings – Wednesday Morning Friends & Companions, begins January 6

CONNECTING WITH CHURCH OF THE DUNES:

A staff member is answering phones Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Staff are available by email. For emergencies and pastoral care, please call (231) 883-9806.

CHURCH UPDATE – IN-PERSON GATHERINGS PAUSED:

In-person worship services and in-person gatherings on church grounds are currently paused. The church's task force on re-opening is assessing information and recommendations from the state and Michigan Conference of the UMC on an ongoing basis. Masks and social distancing are required on church grounds – both indoors and outdoors. Thank you for your help as we work to support the good health of one another and our community.

Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.

We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.

This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Praises, Prayers, and Thanks

PLEASE JOIN OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Methodist missions, missionaries, and mission staff as they continue their important work in these challenging times.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jan 9 Ar Sar Ni Grettenberger (14), Sofia Grilley (17), Ron Kurburski
Jan 10 Vicki Reis

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>
December 27	\$5,477	\$9,118	\$9,846

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

Online worship: As of December 29, the Christmas Eve online worship service had 117 views. The December 27 online worship service had 79 views. Each "view" may include multiple members of the same household watching together.

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