

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
 - **Refrain:**
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshiping God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.



Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, January 7th, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
We are a fragrance-free environment.

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

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

In the midst of the shadows and despair, the chaos
and uncertainty that existed before the world was born...

God said: "Let there be light."

In the trials and temptations of everyday life,
we seek assurance that we are not alone...

God says: "Let there be light."

In the journey to the future, inspired by mentors from the past,
remaining open to the guidance of prophets from the future,
we live with anticipation...

God will say: "Let there be light."

***Hymn # 91 "The First Nowell"**

Opening Prayer:

**God of the Cosmos, out of the mystery of your love and
grace, the right combination of elements and heat have
burst forth to become stars and planets. And we, amazed,
are part of this wonder, formed of stardust. As you guided
the magi to the Living Light by the lights of the heavens,
guide our lives that we might draw nearer to your presence.
Grant us the wisdom to bow before your mystery, offering
our gifts and rejoicing in the blessing we have found.
Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

**This day, Wise and Loving God, we hold close to us our
dreams for the future and hopes for each new day.**

**Be with us as we confront our own pains and fears, our
own uncertainties and challenges, the places in our lives
where we need to heal and grow as we move into the year
now before us. Receive now all the confessions of our
hearts and lives... (a time of silent prayer)**

Words of Assurance:

The magi received a message that transformed their lives.
They followed a star, shared their gifts, and began a new
journey into God's future. We, too, have received this
transforming message. God is our guide for the future that is
spread out before each one of us. We need not fear the journey,
as God goes with us. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn MV # 131 "You, Creator God, Have Searched Me"**

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 570 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" Verse 1**

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

***Hymn "We Three Kings" (see reverse)**

Meditation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer / Prayers of the people / Prayer Book is read.

We Go to Love and Serve God

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

Commissioning & Benediction

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