## Order of Worship January 3, 2021

**Welcome** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Greeting** Audrey Smith

Long ago, Wise Ones followed a beckoning star;

The light of hope pierced the darkness of the world.

Today we share in the joy of the Magi—

God's glory shines around us. Christ the Savior is born!

Opening Hymn Sing We Now of Christmas UMH 237

Verses 1, 4, 5

Opening Prayer Laura Watson

Eternal God.

by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.

Grant that, being born in our hearts,

he may save us from all our sins,

and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator,

to whom be everlasting praise and glory,

world without end. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20 Kim Johnson,

District Communications Coordinator

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert,

Arlington District Superintendent

Special Music Christmas Medley World-Wide United Methodist

Virtual Christmas Choir

Stewardship Moment Rev. Calvert

**Prayer** Tanya Sabin

God of all time.

help us enter the New Year quietly,

thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,

mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently,

aware that you have endowed every creature and plant,

every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully,

willing to laugh and dance and dream,

remembering our many gifts with thanks

and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead. Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy

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**Benediction** 

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Postlude

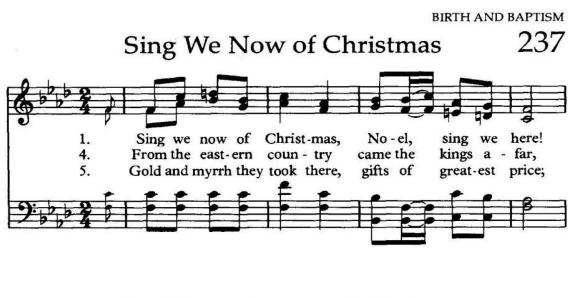
**Fantasia for Christmas** 

Gilbert

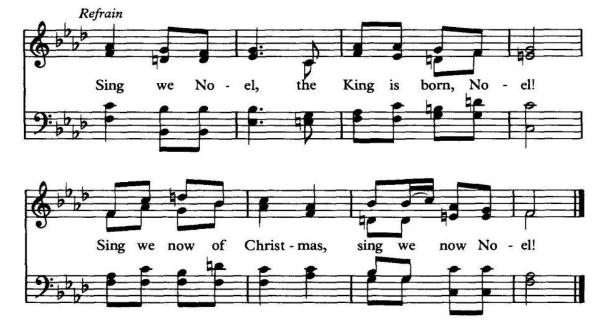
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## 2098 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy



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