

### **Thoughts to Ponder After Worship:**

- **What might it look like to travel along with the wise men with their eyes trained on a star — trying to fathom what they are seeing, why they are following?**
- **Even before that, what might we hear if we dropped in on their conversations with advisers and loved ones as they prepared for this arduous journey to a far away country?**
- **What must the Magi have sensed when they stopped for directions (or to pay respects?) to King Herod on their way to Bethlehem?**
- **What might we see as we look at the faces of Mary and Joseph as they welcomed these exotic visitors from so far away? Would they have known even then that this birth was more wondrous than even they had imagined? Would they have been surprised at the gifts offered their still young child?**
- **What is your response to the knowledge that Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus became refugees – illegal aliens – in the land of Egypt? How does that affect your feelings about modern refugees seeking asylum? In what ways does this part of the story of Jesus inform our response to the Kurdish refugees here in Tully?**

### **WORTHY IS THE LAMB**

**Thank you for the cross, Lord.  
Thank you for the price you paid.  
Bearing all my sin and shame,  
In love you came,  
And gave amazing grace.**

**Thank you for this love, Lord.  
Thank you for the nail pierced hands.  
Washed me in your cleansing flow,  
Now all I know,  
Is your forgiveness and embrace!**

**Worthy is the Lamb,  
Seated on the throne.  
Crown you now with many crowns,  
You reign victorious!**

**High and lifted up,  
Jesus, son of God.  
The Joy of Heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
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