

Order of Worship

COMMUNION/CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7:30 pm – December 24, 2022

PRELUDE *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming and The First Noel* arr. Kyle Hanks
Brass Quartet: Tatiana Giesler, Trumpet, Kenneth Sithan,
Trumpet, Gregory Ochotorena, Trombone, Laura Weiss, French Horn

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Kyle Hanks
Brass Quartet
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OPENING PRAYER Bruce Miller, liturgist

Light of the World, shine upon us this holy night. Be born again in our hearts, and re-ignite the flames of faith, hope, and love as we celebrate your birth. Guide us to Bethlehem once more, that we ponder in our hearts your miraculous presence in our lives. Amen.

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CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1-3)* UMH 234
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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Hutton Family

We have heard the call to keep watch. But what are we keeping watch over? Maybe we're looking for something that will define us, something that will remake us, transform us. Some relationship, some hope, some love that will make us new. Maybe we're looking for the gift we remember this night.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel !

Let us light these candles and complete this circle as we rejoice in the light that shines in the darkness and declare with joy and with hope –

Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Hallelujah. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Jason W. Krug
Bell Choir

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LESSON *Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7a*

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 4) UMH 230
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O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
 above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

LESSON

Luke 2: 1-7 (NRSV)

CAROL

What Child is This (verses 1-2) UMH 219
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What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

LESSON

Luke 2: 8-14 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Angel's Carol John Rutter
 Chancel Choir, Liska Yamada Harp
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LESSON

Luke 2: 15-18

CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH 229
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Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
 Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
 Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
 Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

LESSON

Luke 2: 19-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nativity Carol John Rutter
 Chancel Choir
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Glory to God in the highest heaven! We praise your name with our offerings and tithes. We give these gifts in recognition of Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created great in your light. Thank you, Gracious God, for pure, unbounded love wrapped in clothes laying in a manger – a gift so great to share that it could not be contained. Let the joy we feel in our hearts overflow in unending praise. Amen. (Copyright © 2022 David S. Bell. Reprinted with permission from www.DavidSBell.org)

CAROL

Angel's We Have Heard on High (verses 1 & 3) (UMH 238)
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Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Variations Pastorales sur un Vieux Noel
Liska Yamada—Harp
Composer—Marcel Samuel-Rousseau
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You are invited to rise, light your candle, and stand in a circle around the sanctuary.

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night (UMH 239)
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1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night! Holy night! wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

