



The United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Rev, Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor
Christmas Eve Worship Online

December 24, 2020--Service of Lessons and Carols

PRELUDE "Mary, Did You Know?" arr. McMichael *The Satori Winds*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Fraunfelder

Tonight, we come to glorify God, rejoicing with all Creation in the birth of the Savior. God comes, so we might believe, and be blessed. Our hearts leap for joy, for God is coming to us as a child. God comes for those who hunger for hope, and for those who thirst for grace. Holy is the One who comes in God's name, fulfilling every promise of God. God comes to walk with those who follow in faith, to bring peace to our shattered world.

OPENING HYMN

"O, Come, All Ye Faithful"

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye bright Hosts of heav'n 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!

CCLI Song # 31054 C. Frederick Oakeley | John Francis Wade
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FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1 (excerpts) *Pastor Heidi*

HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria In excelsis Deo ! Gloria In excelsis Deo!

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

CCLI Song # 27721 Edward Shippen Barnes | James Chadwick Traditional French Carol
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PRAYER: Lord of mercy, in spite of our sinfulness, your love for us never wavered. Fill our hearts with your mercy. Teach us to love; show us how to forgive one another. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 23:5-6 *Sandy O'Shea*

SONG "What Child is This?" Traditional English *Will Foley, Tom Foley*

PRAYER: Lord, you have promised that your reign would be a time of never-ending justice and peace. May we have the courage to bring your justice in our time. Amen.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10 *Pam and Bruce Keenen*

HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our creator, Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now,
With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, And live each moment In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

CCLI Song # 93690 Jill Jackson | Sy Miller © 1955. Renewed 1983 Jan - Lee Music

PRAYER: Lord, we eagerly wait for the day of your perfect peace. May we work together for peace, in our hearts, in our families and in our world. Amen.

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-6 *Pastor Heidi*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Miller Family

We light a candle of Hope, even where despair keeps watch.
We light a candle of Peace, quieting the storms in our soul.
We light a candle of Joy, shining light into the dark and sadness of the world.
We light a candle of Love, inviting us to live our lives with compassion and caring for all whom we meet.
Rejoice, O people of God! The light of Christ has come into the world!
With all the company of heaven, with sounds of great joy, Jesus has come into the world. Tonight is a time for celebration.

HYMN

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door And man is blessed forevermore
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave; Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

CCLI Song # 85158 John Mason Neale © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain

PRAYER: God, you are always with us. May we always trust in your presence, and let our light shine brightly in the world. Amen

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38 *Judi Pavisich*

SONG "O Holy Night" Adam *Sharon & Alex Metivier*

PRAYER: Lord, in faith, Joseph and Mary trusted you. May we grow in our ability to trust, and always rely on you. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "A Child is Born" Jones *Mike Elkins, Tom Foley*

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-18 *Dave Williams*

SONG "Gesù Bambino" Yon *Sarah Keenen*

PRAYER: Lord, you came to us as a child, in humility and vulnerability. May we always show loving care to those around us, especially those who need it most. Amen.

SEVENTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 *Linda Ponstingle*

SONG "Some Children See Him" Burt *Will Foley*

PRAYER: Lord, you are the giver of all good gifts. Teach us to freely share our gifts with others, for the glory of your name. Amen.

EIGHTH LESSON John 1:1-4; 14 *Irene Joyce*

SHARING THE LIGHT

HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night"
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.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!

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!

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!

CCLI Song # 27862 Franz Xaver Gruber | John Freeman Young | Joseph Mohr © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain

PRAYER: God of power and might, you are beyond all time and space. May we never fail to recognize your majesty and give praise to you in all we do. Amen.

NINTH LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 *Dale Hawk*

SONG "Christ is Born This Holy Night" arr. Larson *SUCC Chancel Choir 2018*

PRAYER: Lord, you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Give us words filled with the power of Love. Help us proclaim your good news with our whole lives. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World!"
Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the world! Tthe Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, Rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow, Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love!

CCLI Song # 24016 George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Ukranian Bell Carol" arr. McMichael *The Satori Winds*



SERVING

Pastor: Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
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READERS

Barb Fraunfelder
Sandy O'Shea
Pam and Bruce Keenen
Judi Pavisich
Dave Williams
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Dale Hawk

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

The Miller Family: Allison, Nick, Jenna, and Jordyn

MUSICIANS

William Foley, vocalist
Sarah Keenen, vocalist
Sharon Metivier, vocalist

The Satori Winds (4 Guys with 4 Saxophones and 4 Clarinets):

Ken Mehalko, alto sax and clarinet
Dick E. Ingersoll, alto sax and bass clarinet
Brian Maskow, tenor sax and clarinet
Dick K. Ingersoll, baritone sax and clarinet

The SUCC Chancel Choir from 2018:

Sopranos: Sandy O'Shea, Ingrid Dickson, Sharon Maresco
Sarah Toth, Pam Keenen, Irene Joyce

Altos: Karen Morgan, Irene Jannsohn, Sarah Keenen, Jackie Foley

Tenors: Gary Hackett, Chuck McDougall

Basses: Rob Toth, Jake Williams, Clay Williams,
Dave Williams, Bruce Keenen

Additional song credits

Mary, Did You Know? CCLI Song # 839225 Buddy Greene | Mark Lowry
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 by Catherine McMichael, played by the Satori Winds

What Child is This? CCLI Song # 30983 Traditional English Folk carol,
 "Greensleeves" | William Chatterton Dix © Words: Public Domain Music: Public
 Domain, sung by Will Foley

O Holy Night CCLI Song # 32015 Adolphe Charles Adam | John Sullivan Dwight
 | Placide Cappeau © Words: Public Domain Music: Public Domain, sung by Sharon
 Metivier

A Child is Born Jazz standard by Thad Jones, 1969. Mike Elkins, keyboard,
 Thomas Foley, trumpet

Gesù Bambino CCLI Song # 3585359 Frederick H. Martens | Linda Spevacek |
 Pietro A. Yon 1917 © Words: Public Domain Music: 2001 Heritage Music Press
 (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.), sung by Sarah Keenen

Some Children See Him Words by Wihla Hutson, Music by Alfred Burt, 1951,
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Christ is Born This Holy Night Words from Liturgy of St. James, 4th century,
 Traditional French Melody, Traditional Austrian Carol, Traditional Polish Carol,
 arranged by Lloyd Larson ©Lorenz Publishing Company sung by the SUCC Chancel
 Choir, 2018

Ukrainian Bell Carol (Carol of the Bells) Mykola Leontovych 1914, based
 on a Ukrainian Folk Chant "Shchedryk". Arranged by Catherine McMichael. Music:
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OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields

Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Adria Bond, Eddy Bond, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Betty Craig, Christina Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Linda Elliott, Don Gleichauf, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Elliott Joyce, Carole Kapcar, Tony Koussa, Lori Kovatch, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Brigitte Matchett, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mhlack, Lola Millhoane, Judi Pavisich, Joyce Reed, Dorothy and Bill Ritchie, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch

Extended Church Family: Dorene Baldrige, Jackie & Phil Berkheimer (Judi Pavisich's friends), Amy Carroll (Marty Winch's sister), Judy Carte's son-in-law, Ryan, Ruby Cuyler (Sam's sister), Kim Filiatraut (Sarah Keenen's friend), Elizabeth Fulford (Lora Rung's friend), Dana Hardy (Craig's wife), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Julie Kowell (Sarah Cathcart Wilhoit's friend), Diane Mason (Lora Rung's friend), Pat Masuga (Dan's mom), Donna McDonald (the Ritchies' friend), Zachary McKeever (Pastor Heidi and Chuck's great-nephew), Linda McNabb (Ginger Rothel's sister-in-law), Mae O'Shea (Sandy O'Shea's mom), Carrol Riley (Marjorie Morrison's dad), Terry Robson (the Camps' friend), Mike Rung (Lora's brother), Anneke & Lukas Scholtz (Irene Jannsohn's sister & brother-in-law), Amanda Shannon (Sarah & Jon Hayes' friend), Sherry Sheeks (Mark Camp's sister), Chris Vozniak (Lora Rung's friend), Brad Williams (Judi Pavisich's friend), Daphne Wilson (Irene Jannsohn's niece)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

Formerly known as Veterans of the Cross, this special offering of the United Church of Christ provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering is received throughout December.



OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO YOU

The Music Team has put together a CD of Christmas music, called "Christmas Presence" as a FREE gift to our members and friends, since we cannot be together in worship this year.

The CD features vocalists Dave Williams, Sarah Keenen, Cindy Smith, Marsha Coleff, Brittany Fernandez, Tom Foley, and Mike Elkins, plus instrumental pieces by the Satori Winds, Tom Foley and Mike Elkins. Please stop by the church office any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays* to pick up your copy!



*The church office will close at noon on Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, and be closed on Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day.

*Wishing everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!
Alleluia, Christ is Born!*

