

  
**LA JOLLA**  
**UNITED METHODIST**

**December 24, 2020**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Family Christmas Pageant**



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**Prelude**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Opening Carol**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v. 1-3, 6)

UMH #234

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

**Opening Prayer**

## First Reading – The Promise

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Carol** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (v. 1)

UMH #196

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

## Second Reading – The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-35, 38

**Carol** “Canticle of the Turning” (v. 1 & 2)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Chorus*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
To the end of the age to be

Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn

*Chorus*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

## Third Reading – Joseph’s Vision

Matthew 1:18-25

**Carol**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1 &amp; 4)

UMH #211

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall;  
all peoples on thy mercy call.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Fourth Reading – Jesus is Born in a Manger**

Luke 2:1-7

**Carol**

"The Friendly Beasts"

UMH #227

Jesus our savior kind and good  
Was humbly born in a stable rude  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood  
Jesus our savior kind and good

"I" said the donkey shaggy and brown  
"I carried His mother up hill and down  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town"  
"I" said the donkey shaggy and brown

"I" said the cow all white and red  
"I gave Him my manger for his bed  
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head  
"I" said the cow all white and red

"I" said the sheep with the curly horn  
"I gave Him my wool for his blanket warm  
He wore my coat on that Christmas morn  
"I" said the sheep with the curly horn

"I" said the camel all yellow and black  
"Over the desert upon my back  
I brought Him a gift in the wise men's pack  
"I" said the camel all yellow and black

Thus all the beasts remembering it well  
In the stable dark were glad to tell  
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel  
the gifts they gave Emmanuel

## Fifth Reading – Angels’ Proclamation

Luke 2:8-14

**Carol** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (v. 1 & 3)

UMH #240

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

## Sixth Reading – Shepherds and Magi Visit

Luke 2:15-20

**Carol** “What Child Is This” (v. 1 & 3)

UMH #219

1. 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.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard  
and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the Son of Mary.

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Seventh Reading – The Gospel Proclamation**

John 1:1-14

**Carol**

“Joy to the World!”

UMH #246

1. Joy to the world,  
the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven,  
and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat  
the sounding joy.

3. 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.

4. 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.

**Christmas Eve Meditation**

Pastor Lea Booth

## **Candles & Anthem**

“Peace, Peace / 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, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
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.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

**Liturgist:** Todd Witt

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