

Order of Worship ~ Sunday, December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS Worship Leader: Loretta

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Lord of joy, lift our spirits.

All: Come, Lord of hope, lift us from hopelessness.

One: Come, Lord of peace, ease our agitated minds.

All: Come, Lord of love, shine in all we do.

One: Come, Jesus, be born in us.

All: Rule in our hearts and minds, teaching us to sing with delight!

OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #150

Words: Charles Wesley (1739, alt.)

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn (1840); arr. William H. Cummings (1856); desc. Paul Liljestrand

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*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

*Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

*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 new-born King!"*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Bob, Chris, and Deb

ADVENT HYMN

God's Love Made Visible, #171

Words: Iola Brubeck (1975)

Tune: Dave Brubeck (1975)

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*God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!
Christ is invincible! His love shall reign!
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable
make death surmountable! His love shall reign!*

*Joyfully pray for peace and goodwill!
All of our yearning He will fulfill.
Live in a loving way! Praise Him for every day!
Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!*

PRAYER OF LOVE (UNISON) Loretta Medeiros

Holy One, thank You for loving me and thank You for sending Your only begotten Son, my Savior Jesus Christ so that my sins could be forgiven. Lord, help me demonstrate Your love, not only to the lovable but also to those who lash out at me through pain or anger, disappointment or loss. May the love of Jesus be manifested in me, and may the love of Jesus be distributed by grace through faith to all I come in contact with. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father #35

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Love, Shirley

CHILDREN'S HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem #144

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868, alt.

MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner (1868)

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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*

ANTHEM

Bethlehem Wind

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SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:46-55

This Mornings Message

Unfathomable Love, Pastor Dave

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful, #148

Words: John Francis Wade (1743); tr. Frederick Oakeley and others (1841), and others

Tune: John Francis Wade (1743); desc. David Willcocks (1961)

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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!*

*Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
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!*

*Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?*

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born for our salvation,
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!*

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We offer ourselves for God's work with our time, talent, treasure.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #46

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we thank you for putting life together in a community of faith. May this offering remind us that sacrifice and service is the weld that holds us together. Amen!

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People:

You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

Pastoral Prayer

Our 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.

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord #306

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High #155

Words: Traditional French Carol; tr. Crown of Jesus, 1862, alt.

Music: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1937); harm. Austin C.

Lovelace (1964, alt.); desc. Richard E. Gerig (1956)

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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!

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ, who comes in lowly birth.
Come, adore on bended knee
Jesus, joy of heav'n and earth.*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*See within a manger laid,
Christ, whom choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem #144

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*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:
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

REFLECTIVE POSTLUDE

Waiting!

Words and Music Ruth Elaine Schram

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RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Micah 5:2-5a

2But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace.

Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."