

**David's UCC on December 13, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Online Worship Bulletin**



Opening Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

(please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

“Cradle Song” Resonet in Laudibus, arr. by Carl Simone

“Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)” Chris Eaton and Amy Grant, arr. by Carol Tornquist

“Prelude on What Star Is This” based on the melody by Praetorius, arr. by Edward G. Mead

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” Inspired by Mozart's Allegro in B-flat Major - Henry Smart, arr. by Faye Lopez

Welcome – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: Joy – *Lu Harmer*

Call to Worship –

One: Behold! God is good, and has set a star in the heavens to guide us to the truth of God's love for all the peoples of the earth.

**Many: We follow with joy, knowing that God will give us strength to climb the hills, and light to overcome the darkness.**

One: Behold! God is good, and has promised us a Savior to lead us to righteousness, with the promise of peace and justice in the world that God has made.

**Many: We await the Savior's coming with gladness and the expectation that in the holy birth of love among us our lives may be renewed.**

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

– Love Offering, [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Special Music –

“Une Vierge Pucelle” arr. by Edward L. Good

Canticle – Psalm 126 – A Pilgrim Song (Adapted from The Message)

One: It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,

**Many: When God returned Zion's exiles.**

One: We laughed, we sang, we could not believe our good fortune.

**Many: We were the talk of the nations—"God was wonderful to them!"**

One: God was wonderful to us;

**Many: Let us rejoice, for we are one happy people!**

One: And, now, we ask God to do it again—

**Many: Bring rains to our drought-stricken lives.**

One: So that those who planted their crops in despair

**Many: Will shout hurrah at the harvest,**

One: So those who went off with heavy hearts

**Many: Will come home laughing with shouts of joy, and armfuls of blessing.**

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love. We admit that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn now to you in repentance and openness to your Spirit. Forgive us, and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ, and reveal your reign on earth. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in your dark streets shines forth the ever-lasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.**
- 2. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the glorious love of heaven.  
No one discerns God's coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where yearning souls long to be whole, the dear Christ enters in.**

**3. 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!**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Isaiah 61: 1 – 4, 8 – 11

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24

Gospel: John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28

Sermon – “On A Mission from God”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn, arr. by Joel Raney

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