

David's UCC on December 20, 2020

Fourth 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.)

“Lonely Midnight” James Stevens

“Still, Still, Still” Salzburg Melody, arr. by Mark Hayes

“Listen to the Angels” includes “Hark the Herald Angels Sing,”

“Angels We Have Heard on High,” “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
arr. by Mark Hayes

“In the Bleak Midwinter” Gustav Holst, arr. by Jay Rouse

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: Love – *Jake, Joey and Cooper Schairbaum*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: Like the Israelites, who praised you in the midst of preparations to leave Egypt,
Many: Like Jesus and the disciples, who celebrated their oneness with you in the midst of crisis.

One: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of our lives.

Many: We gather at your table to remember your mighty works of old.

One: We lay our hopes and fears before you, in joyful anticipation of the future you are bringing into being.

**All: Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence with us now and always.
Amen.**

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Music Video – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (made available by our friends at United Church of Christ, National offices.)

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Special Music –

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” with “Away in a Manger” Richard Willis,
arr. by Jay Rouse

Canticle – Luke 1: 46b – 55 Mary’s Song (Adapted from The Message)

One: I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Savior God.

Many: God took one look at me, and see what happened –

One: I am the most fortunate woman on earth!

Many: What God has done for us will never be forgotten,

One: The God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.

Many: God’s mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe and wonder before God.

One: God’s arm is bared to reveal God’s strength,

Many: God has scattered the bluffing braggarts.

One: God knocked tyrants off their high horses,

Many: While pulling their victims out of the mud.

One: God has prepared a banquet for the starving poor,

Many: While the callous rich are left out in the cold.

One: God embraces his chosen children, Israel, piling on mercies and piling them high.

Many: God is doing exactly what was promised, beginning with Abraham right up to now.

Scripture –

Epistle: Romans 16: 25 – 27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26 – 38

Sermon – “A Revolution of Grace”

Music Video– “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (made available by our friends at United Church of Christ, National offices.)

Invitation to Communion –

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord’s Prayer –

Hymn – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, great news of joy we bring.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**
- 2. Now, you beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.**
- 3. For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold.
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

Holy Communion and Prayer of Thanksgiving –

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Alegria” (Joy) Traditional Puerto Rican Carol, arr. by Larry Shackley

- 1. Walking slowly to Bethlehem, Mary and her husband are carrying in
their company the most powerful God! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy and pleasure
that the Virgin Mary and her husband are on the road to Bethlehem.**

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