

**David's UCC on December 24, 2020**

**Christmas Eve.**

**Online Worship Bulletin**



Opening Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

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

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

“I Saw Three Ships” Traditional English Carol, arr. Dale Wood

“Joseph’s Song” Michael Card, arr. Tim Williams

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: Christ Candle – *Andy and David Blumberg*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!

**Many: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

One: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

Many: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

One: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the World has come.

**Many: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.**

One: And this light is a light for all people, igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us now and always.

**Many: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.**

Invocation –

Special Music – Handbell Choir

“Away in the Manger” William Kirkpatrick

Children’s Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Mission Partners – UCC Christmas Fund for Retired Clergy/

Trinity UC Homes/Crossroads (Ft. Wayne Youth Home)

Carol – “Hark The Herald Angels Sing” (Singing at home together as Tim & Lyn play)

- 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!**
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the ever lasting Lord; late in time behold him come, off spring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’ incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. 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!**

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Emmanuel, God promised and God with us: Give us peace as we need peace; give us courage to live in times without peace. Awaken us to the hope of your reign, but restrain us from vain hopes in the dominions around us. Free us to claim our own welling-up joy, and sustain us when joy seems far. Lead us to service in your world; strengthen our feeble attempts to serve. Spirit of holiness and good tidings, forgive us when we fail the full meaning of the incarnation, that your love and justice is always waiting to be born into the world. As we seek to make room in our lives for the Christ-child, born of refugees in a broken and violent world, help us to work for a world where all God’s children find a safe home where their needs are met. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord’s Prayer –

Special Music –

“Gesu Bambino” Pietro A. Yon, arr. Bill Galliford  
Piano/Organ Duet – *Tim and Lyn*

Canticle – Psalm 96 (Adapted from The Message)

One: Sing God a brand new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing!

**Many: Let us sing to God – worship God!**

One: Shout the news of God's victory from sea to sea, take the news of God's glory to all who feel lost, news of God's wonders to one and all!

**Many: For God is great, and worthy of a thousand Hallelujahs. God's terrible beauty makes the imitation gods look cheap: the false gods mere tatters and rags.**

One: God made the heavens—Royal splendor radiates from God, a powerful beauty sets God apart.

**Many: Bravo, God, Bravo! Everyone join in the great shout: Encore! In awe before the beauty, in awe before the might.**

One: Bring gifts and celebrate, bow before the beauty of God. Then to your knees – everyone worship!

**Many: Get out the message – Our God Rules!**

One: God put the world on a firm foundation; God treats everyone fair and square.

**Many: Let the Wilderness turn cartwheels, all the wild animals dance,**

One: Put every tree in the forest in the choir – An extravaganza before God,

**Many: As God comes to set everything right on earth, Set all things aright, treat everyone justly and fair.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Isaiah 9: 2 –7

Gospel: Luke 2: 1 – 20

Special Music –

“O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam

Vocal Solo – *Andrew Spoon*

Homily – “When God's Light Is Born Into This World”

Lighting Our Candles/Candlelight Carol – “Silent Night, Holy Night”

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. Silent Night, Holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

Raising Our Candles, Letting Our Lights Shine –

Carol – “Joy to the World”

- 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. 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.**

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – Handbell Choir

“In Dulci Jubilo” (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!), arr. Valerie Stephenson

\*Special thank you to *Andrew and Amanda Spoon* for leading tonight’s carols.

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