

David's UCC on December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – *Tim Williams*

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

"He is Born!" Traditional French Carol, arr. by John Carter

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Traditional English Carol, arr. by John Carter

"Appalachian Carol" I Wonder as I Wander, arr. by Jason Tonioli

"Ukranian Bell Carol" Leontovych, arr. by Phillip Keveren

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*, "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

One: When the song of the angels is stilled,

Many: When the star in the sky is gone,

One: When the kings and princes are home,

Many: When the shepherds are back with their flock,

One: The work of Christmas begins:

Many: To find the lost,

One: To heal the broken,

Many: To feed the hungry,

One: To release the prisoner,

Many: To rebuild the nations,

One: To bring peace among others,

Many: To make music in the heart.

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Music Video – "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (made available by our friends at United Church of Christ, National offices.)

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Special Music –

"Son of Mary" arr. by Kevin McChesney
played by David's Ringers

Canticle – Psalm 148 (Adapted from The Message)

One: Hallelujah! Praise God from heaven,

Many: Praise God from the mountaintops;

One: Praise God, all God's angels,

Many: Praise God, all God's warriors,

One: Praise God, sun and moon,

Many: Praise God, you morning stars;

One: Praise God, high heaven,

Many: Praise God, heavenly rain clouds;

One: Praise, oh let them praise the name of God-

Many: God spoke the word, and there they were!

One: God set them in place from all time to eternity;

Many: God gave orders, and that's it!

One: Praise God from earth, you sea dragons and fathomless ocean deeps;

Many: Fire and hail, snow and ice, hurricanes obeying God's orders;

One: Mountains and all hills, apple orchards and cedar forests;

Many: Wild beasts and herds of cattle, snakes and birds in flight;

One: Earth's kings and all races, leaders and important people,

Many: Robust men and women in their prime,

One: And yes, graybeards and little children.

Many: Let them praise the name of God-it's the only name worth praising.

One: God's radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky;

Many: God has built a monument-God's very own people!

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Gracious God, we have sought you in high and holy places; we are ill-prepared to acknowledge your presence among the lowly and poor. We believe you are profound but we overlook your obvious truths. We are anxious about the unknown but we hardly consider the realities immediately in front of us. Turn us, incarnate God, by the simple wonders of your love, to a rebirth of faith and hope and joy. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – “What Child is This”

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

- 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.**
- 2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. 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.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: 1 Samuel 1: 21 – 28

Gospel: Luke 2: 22 – 40

Sermon – “Waitin’ For A Savior Like You”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Til the Season Comes Round Again” Randy Goodrum and John Jarvis

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