Heritage United Methodist Church

 December 23, 2020

Prelude Jenny Memmott

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Maria Campbell

Hymn Joy to the World #246 UMH

Advent Wreath Candle-lighting The Anson Family

Children’s Moment Susie Bond

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem #2300 UMH vs 1

Scripture Isaiah 9: 2-7 Liturgist-David Charest

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Maria Campbell

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem The Hope of Christmas Russ Barker

Scripture Luke 2:1-20 Rev. Maria Campbell

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Message Light of the World Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory Margaret Cinotto

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #95 UMH

Dedication of Offering Liturgist– David Charest

Gracious God, your love shines forth in the abundance of your creation. We give thanks for all we have received. Use these offerings to transform our communities. We pray through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn Silent Night #239 UMH

Sending Forth Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude Margaret Cinotto

Hymn Joy to the World #246 UMH

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King, Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Verse 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

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground, He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as far as the curse is found

Verse 4

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

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem #230 UMH vs 1

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

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95 UMH

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

Closing Hymn Silent Night #239 UMH

Verse 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

Verse 2

Silent night holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

Silent night holy night, Wondrous star lend thy light

With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born