

Heritage United Methodist Church

DEC 25, 2022, CHRISTMAS DAY

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise Angels We Have Heard on High v 1,3 #238 UMH

Children's Moment

Opening Prayer Liturgist—Diana Dalen

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the kings. Let kindness come with every gift. Deliver us from all harm by the blessing which Christ brings. May the joy of Christmas morning fill us with hope and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Written Word in Lessons & Carols (readings are included below)

Readers for Lessons: Diana Dalen, Peggy Grant, Sally Williams

Hark the Herald Angels Sing v 1,3 #240 UMH

1st Lesson – Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus v 1 #196 UMH

2nd Lesson – Genesis 22:15-18

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v 1,7 #211 UMH

3rd Lesson – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Angels From the Realms of Glory v 1,4 #220 UMH

4th Lesson – Micah 5:2-5

O Little Town of Bethlehem v 1,4 #230 UMH

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem Mary Did You Know Jacob & Kayla Eppel

The Written Word in Lessons & Carols (readings are included below)

5th Lesson – Luke 1:26-35, 38

Joy to the World v 3,4 #246 UMH

6th Lesson – Luke 2:1-7

The First Noel v 1,2 #245 UMH

7th Lesson – Luke 2:8-16

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #229 UMH

8th Lesson – Matthew 2:1-11

What Child is This v 1.3 #219 UMH

9th Lesson – John 1:1-14

O Come, All Ye Faithful v 1,6 #234 UMH

Meditation A Message of Hope Rev. Maria Campbell

Prayer Response #231 UMH

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offertory

DoxologyAngels We Have Heard on High v 1 #238 UMH

Dedication of Offering

Liturgist—Diana Dalen

Generous God, we bring our gifts in joy and thanksgiving for the gift of your son, Our Savior Jesus Christ. May the light of his presence renew in us once more the love we have for one another. In the name that is above all, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song Go Tell It on the Mountain

Blessing Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

Pianist—Yuefeng Liu Organist—Margaret Cinotto Worship Song Leader—Jacob Eppel

Merry Christmas! From your friends at Heritage United Methodist Church.

Worship Songs Sunday 12.25.22

Angels We Have Heard on High v 1,3 (song of praise) #238 UMH

Verse 1 (Doxology) Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

Hark the Herald Angels Sing v 1,3 #240 UMH

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!"

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!"

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus v 1 #196 UMH

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel v 1,7 #211 UMH

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Angels from The Realm of Glory v 1,4 #220 UMH

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

O Little Town of Bethlehem, v 1 & 4 #230 UMH

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.

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!

Joy to the World v 3,4 #246 UMH

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.

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.

The First Noel v 1,2

#245 UMH

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly v 1,2

#229 UMH

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks are sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

What Child Is This, v 1 & 3

#219 UMH

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.

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.

O Come All Ye Faithful v 1,6

#234 UMH

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Go Tell It on the Mountain (Zach Williams)

While shepherds kept their watching Over silent flocks by night

Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the Earth

Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born

And God sent us salvation On that blessed Christmas morn

I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

I was a lonely seeker I sought both night and day I asked the Lord to help me And he showed me the way He made me a watchman Upon a city wall And if I am a Christian I am the least of all

I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

Go tell it Go tell it Go on and tell it!



Advent Devotion - Love

During this Advent season, as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, I can't help but think back to the anticipation and excitement that surrounded my every thought as Jacob and I prepared for our Christian to arrive just a little over a year ago. With each day, as we inched closer and closer to his arrival, I kept thinking thoughts, such as, "What will he look like? What will he be like? What will it feel like to be a mother?"

I remember that feeling of anticipation as a new parent; but then, I think of Mary, and the anticipation she must have felt - not only as a new parent, but as the mother of the One who would come to save us all.

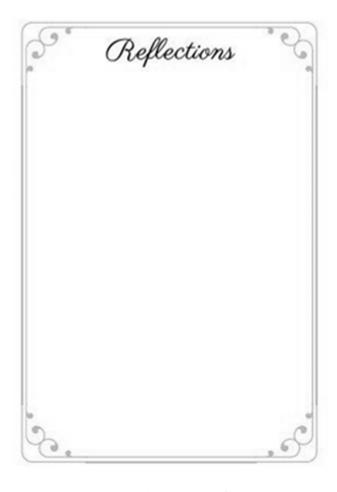
1 John 4:7-9 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

This season is such a precious time, because it reminds us all of the ever present and insurmountable love of God. We are blessed to celebrate and remember the birth of love incarnated. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

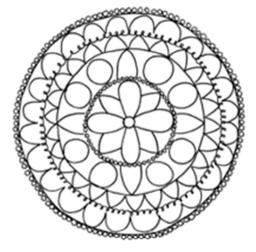
Just like the joy that accompanies the birth of a new baby, may our spirits be renewed with love and hope. May we find peace when the world around us seems dim. And above all, may we seek to love God, and love our brothers and sisters, in this season and the next.

Prayer: Dear God, we pray for a Merry Christmas for all, and for Your love and blessings will be with everyone, now and always!

-Written by Kayla Eppel



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