

*Come worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!*

## Heritage United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 24, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

Joy to the World, Unspeakable Joy (*Handel, Tomlin, Cash, Gilder*)

Advent Candle Lighting

Diana Dalen & Kelli Cox

Hymn

There's a Song in the Air vs 4

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Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we long for the assurance that you alone can bring. We want to welcome others as you welcome us. Speak your word of truth to us once more. We want to be filled with your joy, and witness to your love today and always. Amen.

Children's Moment

Centering Song

Away in A Manger

#217 UMH

Scripture

*Luke 1:26-38*

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit*

*will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.*

## **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**

We Need Christmas (*Pruis, Marlow, West, Dye*)

### **Scripture**

*Luke 1:46-55*

*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

### **Message**

*Let It Be*

Rev. Maria Campbell

### **Offertory**

Somewhere in Your Silent Night

### **Doxology**

*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*

### **Dedication of Offering**

Lord, we bring a portion of all the gifts you have given to us in gratitude for these blessings. Use these gifts to support ministries of healing and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Closing Song**

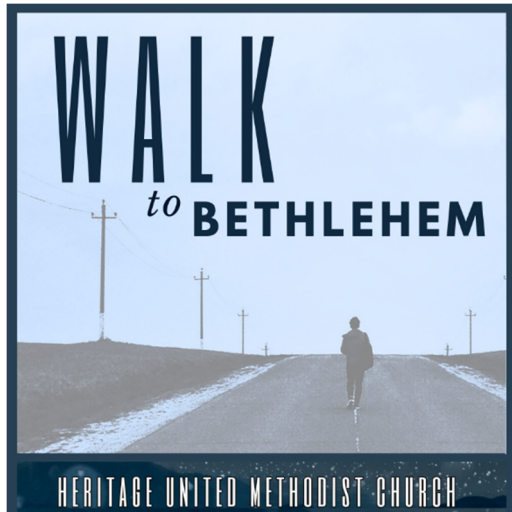
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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### **Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*Director of Music Ministries—Jacob Eppel    Organist—Margaret Cinotto  
Director of Audio-Visual Ministries—Jake Weskamp    Pianist—Jenny Memmott  
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**Christmas Eve Services**  
**5:00pm & 7:00pm**  
**Candlelight & Communion at both services**

5pm service will be livestreamed.  
Childcare is available at the 5pm service.  
Christmas Eve offering will go to Mission Shares



**Sun, Dec 31—Lessons & Carols Service**  
**9:30am in-person & online**  
It's 1-2-3-1-2-3... wear your pj's & jammies to  
worship the King!

**Save the Date - Sunday, Jan 14**

after worship 10:45am-noon

**DIAKONIA**

all church gathering

Discipleship: justice and service

## Worship Song Sheet Sunday 12.24.23

### Joy to the World, Unspeakable Joy (Handel, Tomlin, Cash, Gilder)

Joy to the world the Lord is come Let earth receive her King Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature sing and heaven and heaven and nature sing  
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

**Joy unspeakable joy an overflowing well no tongue can tell**

**Joy unspeakable joy it rises in my soul never lets me go**

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

**Joy unspeakable joy an overflowing well no tongue can tell**

**Joy unspeakable joy it rises in my soul never lets me go**

### There's a Song in the Air vs 4 #249 UMH

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

### Away in A Manger #217 UMH

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky look down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### Hark the Herald Angels Sing #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!"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring 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!"**

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!"**