

THOSE
WHO *are*
DREAM *not alone*
4TH Sunday in Advent

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Macon, Georgia

December 20, 2020

Recorded Online Sanctuary Worship

Gathering

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Candle of LOVE

Matteo, Rocco, Steve, and
Amy Schwartz Moretti

Hymns

Love Has Come
O Little Town of Bethlehem

BRING A TORCH
ST. LOUIS

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4
*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord,
the goodness of the Lord.*

Old Testament

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Gospel

Luke 1:26-45
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *THOSE WHO DREAM . . . are not alone* Rev. Dr. Nita Crump
Mary's news was potentially life threatening. Mary and Elizabeth found courage and comfort in spite of their unusual situations. We are called to support each other as we nurture and tend the dreams God has given us.

Responding

Affirmation of Faith

Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Sending

Hymn *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Benediction

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Dr. Nita Crump, Senior Pastor
Luke Baker, Caleb Esmond, Chuck Huber, Sam Lamback, and Sam McDaniel, Ensemble
Rocco, Matteo, Steve, and Amy Schwartz Moretti, lighting the Candle of Love for the Advent wreath
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries
Steve Moretti and Davis Perkins, Production and Editing

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THOSE WHO DREAM logo

“When considering the theme, the image that came to mind most presently was the image of one eye open, and another eye shut. There is something about this space between sleep and consciousness that I think is important to pay attention to, and something about this move toward awakening that feels deeply relevant to our current context. I quickly sketched the eyes as we brainstormed, but I also felt strongly that the logo needed to be abstract. Recently, I’ve found myself particularly captured by the work of Yayoi Kusama who uses repetitive dots in her paintings, sculptures, and installations. Her play with repetition and scale obscures reality, creating confusing and seemingly limitless spaces. People from all over the world travel to engage with her meditative and even disorienting work. For me, her work has a sense of allusiveness much like dreams. In this series of logos, at first the stippled dots feel more chaotic and free-flowing as they move from the eyes toward the word, “Dream.” As the logo evolves, the dots become more organized, creating imagery of light and a rippling effect. This movement and imagery can symbolize many things: the bewildering narratives and fragments of our dreams, our individual dreams taking on the form of God’s dream, the collective movement of people it takes to bring God’s dream to life, etc. Ultimately, through the movement of the stippling and shifts in color, accompanied by Lisle’s beautiful photography, the logos have a sense of movement from the disorientation of the apocalyptic imagery of the prophets in the first week of Advent, toward the awe and wonder of meeting the Christ child.” - Lauren Wright Pittman

Christmas Eve Recorded Worship

“This night, we are THOSE WHO DREAM”

Available online beginning at 5:00 p.m. on December 24

Please join us for our online Christmas Eve Recorded Worship that will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Using a modified format of lessons and carols, musicians from our congregation are safely recording music and a service for you to enjoy and share with others. Rev. Dr. Nita Crump will give the Christmas Eve homily. Musicians include singers from the Ainsworth Choir; Amy Schwartz Moretti, violin; Betsy Fitzgerald, harp; Tom Granum, organ; and soloists Greg Elliott, Katie Trotter, and Doris Granum.

Connecting Through Christian Fellowship

Sundays (December 20 & 27) at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Creede Hinshaw will lead a series titled:

The Power of God Advancing: Advent Activism

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82702025708>

Meeting ID: 827 0202 5708 – Passcode: 7458601

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Generation to Generation (G2G)

Community Outreach

Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17

Generation to Generation (G2G) is a meaningful part of our congregation’s life. We will continue this mission with a different emphasis for 2021 as we strive to make God’s love known to the community around us here in Macon.

Please register by January 3 to join us during the MLK Weekend for Macon community outreach projects on Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17. Read more and register at www.mulberrymethodist.org/serve.