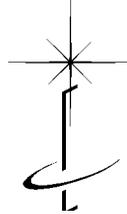


Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Five O'clock



Christmas Eve Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Steve & Florence Allen

Call to Worship

Kate Evans

If you are like Joseph, and you are seeking truth,
there is room here for you.
If you are like Mary, and you are seeking rest,
there is a seat here for you.
If you are like the wise men, and you are looking for a sign,
these candles are here for you.
If you are like the angels, and you cannot help but sing,
there is a melody here for you.
Come in. You are in God's house.
Love was born tonight, and there is love here for you.
Let us worship the God of love.

* Entrance Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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**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.**

Refrain **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 fleshing appearing. *Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heave above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. *Refrain***

This hymn is Hymn No. 234. We are singing selected stanzas.

Prophecy

Isaiah 9:2-7

Johnny Hathcock

Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Stephen Paulus

The Birth

Luke 2:1-7

Callie Evans

Hymn No. 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Please remain seated to sing.

The Angels Luke 2:8-14 Gregory Bushway

Hymn No. 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN
Following the extended introduction, please stand with the choir.

The Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 Heather Evans

Solo *Go Tell It on the Mountain* African American Spiritual

Homily *What Can't Wait* Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery

Solo *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

Invitation to the Table Rev. Julia Norman

Confession and Pardon

**God of kings and shepherds,
God of teenage mothers and step-parents,
God of angel choruses and starlight –
We confess to waiting.
We have waited to extend grace.
We have waited to say, “I love you.”
We have waited to apologize.
We have waited to be just,
choosing comfort and convenience over the needs of our neighbors.
We have waited –
waited for someone else to make a move,
waited for a sign,
waited until it was our issue.
You ask us to be the body of Christ, but in many ways, we have waited.
Forgive us.
Change us.
Remind us of your love for this world, which can't wait.
In your name we pray, Amen.**

Hear the good news:

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins. – Matthew 1:21

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen.

Rev. Trevor Ward

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts *Gesù bambino* Pietro Yon

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery & Rev. Jeff Cook

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sung Communion A (pages 17-18)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Solo

Silent Night, Holy Night

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Candles

*When lighting your candle, please tilt the unlighted candle toward the flame
of the lighted candle as if bowing before the Light of Christ.*

Please remain seated and sing:

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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.

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.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational Response**

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Voluntary

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.*

*Following this service you are invited to our beautiful labyrinth,
which will be lit by candles, for a time of reflection and meditation.*

Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery, Lead Pastor

Rev. Jeff Cook, Associate Pastor

Rev. Julia Norman, Minister for Families & Children

Rev. Trevor Ward, Minister for Families & Youth

Tom Granum, Director of Music/Organist

Doris Granum, Soprano

Sarah Kate Sellers, Soprano

Greg Elliott, Baritone

Betsy Fitzgerald, Harp

Caleb Esmond, Piano

Sam McDaniel, Organ

Tim Spishock, Guitar

Chuck Huber, Bass

Chris Abbott, Tenor

Martin & Julia Magda, Lead Acolytes

Matt Newberry, Crucifer

Ella Magda & Henry McClure, Candlelighters

Graham Johnston, Akins Manley, Alex Stone & Emerson Toles, Communion Stewards

Beth Golson, Gini Lamback & Carol Pope, Bread Bakers

Chris Abbott, Katie Griffis, Cater & Kyle Starling, Communion Servers

Gluten-Free Communion

Because our table is open to all, we serve gluten-free communion bread.

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