



FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.



December 27, 2020 at 11am
First Sunday after Christmas

Congregation reads the **bold** print out loud.
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Hymn or **UMH** = United Methodist Hymnal **TFWS** = The Faith We Sing Hymns are also included in this packet

Please send your prayer requests by 9am Sunday to prayers@fairlingtonumc.org

We Gather in Praise

Words of Welcome

Ashley Moore

Prlude

Christmas Medley
Vocal and Guitar: Eileen Joyner

Call to Worship

Anne Wilson

It is not over,
This birthing.
**There are always newer skies
Into which
God can throw stars.**

When we begin to think
That we can predict the Advent of God,
That we can box the Christ
In a stable in Bethlehem,

**That's just the time
That God will be born
In a place we can't imagine and won't believe.**

Those who wait for God
Watch with their hearts and not their eyes,
**Listening,
always listening
for angel words.**

Ann Weems

Forever coming Christ, who loves us in every season, in grief, trauma and disconnection, teach us to cease from throwing stones at each other and, instead, to find ways to offer mercy. Illumine us. Tune our ears to hear and teach us to sing a new song as a hopeful people. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Opening Prayer

Anne Wilson

Compassionate God, open our imagination to a world beyond hopelessness.
Make a way for our growth, our hope, and our restoration.
Prepare paths where none existed before.

Just as you ache at injustice, equip us to face injustices, comfort and care for each of your children and to speak up on behalf of those whose voices go unheard.
Empower us to love well, believe in your goodness, and see others in their pain.
Empower us to understand that without hope there can be no justice. God of delight, breathe new life into our forgotten spaces that we may thrive together.

We Listen for God's Voice

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Psalms 37: 1-15 and 27-40

Neal Berry

The Word of God for God's People. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18 verses 1-8

Kathy Richards

The Word of God for God's People. Thanks be to God!

Hymn 228

He Is Born

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Sharing with Children

Terry Lewis

Meditation

Our Faith Journey: Past and Future
Gerry Hebert

We Respond with Joy

Call to Prayer Hymn 249, v.1

There's a Song in the Air

CHRISTMAS SONG

The Lord's Prayer

Janese Bechtol

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Christine Pollack

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Offertory

Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth

Prayer after the Offering

Christine Pollack

Dedication of the Gifts 221, v. 4 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

What can I give him, poor as I am?

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

what I can I give him: give my heart.

We Go to Serve

Hymn 533

We Shall Overcome

Soloists: Tura Foster Gillespie and Gerry Hebert; Guitar: Gerry Hebert

Dismissal with Blessing

Gerry Hebert

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Jubilate Handbell Choir

Front Row: Susan Fredenburg, Marsha Ansel, Louise Wilson, Karen Murdoch

Back Row: Carol Hunter, Mary Kehoe, Nancy McMillen, Barbara Glomb, Erica Yurasko, Mary Lange

Prayers from December 20

Steve; Danny; Freda; Betsy and family, Patty, Bob, Mrs. Glova, Kim and Rufus, Shawn, Susan, Beverly and Jeremy, Heidi, and Emily; Zongmin Li and her mother Mingjie Zhou; Nadia and family, Kevin and family, Eric, Tyler and family, Pat and Teri, Kathleen and Debra, Madison and Donald, Sandy, Leslie, Damian, and Melody; Mike, Jenni, Kathy, Kristie, Claudia, Bethany, Judith, and Janet; Sarah, Mary, Blake, and Yoko; Chad and Laura; Laurie, Meredith, David, and Keith; Mel and his family, Donna and Robert and Mavis; Bill and the Briggs Family, Kevin and Karl, Ellen and family, Tracy and Ruby, for Mary recovering from Covid, Greg, Julie and Nat, Marlene and family; Karla and family, Jana, Ann, Mike, Kelly Johnny, Daphne, Anna and Kyle who are battling Covid; David, Buck, Bev, Kurt, Susan, Chris, Carol, Jerry, the Taylor family, President-elect Biden & Vice President-elect Harris and the transition; Bill and the medical team caring for him; Marilyn and for all of us: may we celebrate Christmas safely, with peace, joy, and love.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;"

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The lyrics are: "Go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born."

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

The third system of musical notation includes three verses of lyrics. The lyrics are: "1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,"

to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

The fourth system of musical notation includes the refrain. The lyrics are: "be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth. and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn."

He Is Born

Refrain (Unison)

He is born, the ho - ly Child, play the o - boe and
Il est né, le di - vin En - fant, jou - ez haut - bois rè - son -

bag - pipes mer - ri - ly! He is born, the ho - ly Child,
nez mu - set - tes! Il est né, le di - vin En - fant,

Fine Optional S.A.

sing we all of the Sav - ior mild, 1. Thru long a - ges
chan - tons tous son a - vè - ne - ment! 2. O how love - ly,
3. Je - sus, Lord of

of the past, proph - ets have fore - told his com - ing;
O how pure is this per - fect child of heav - en;
all the world, com - ing as a child a - mong us,

D.C.

thru long a - ges of the past, now the time has come at last!
O how love - ly, O how pure, gra - cious gift to hu - man - kind!
Je - sus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heav - en - ly peace.

(with apologies for the iphone scan)

There's a Song in the Air

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
 2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the won - der - ful birth,
 3. In the light of that star lie the a - ges im - pearled;
 4. We re - joice in the light, and we ech - o the song

There's a moth - er's deep prayer and a ba - by's low cry!
 for the vir - gin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
 and that song from a - far has swept o - ver the world.
 that comes down through the night from the heav - en - ly throng.

And the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ay! the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ev - ery hearth is a - flame, and the beau - ti - ful sing
 Ay! we shout to the love - ly e - van - gel they bring,

for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 in the homes of the na - tions that Je - sus is King!
 and we greet in his cra - dle our Sav - ior and King!

WE SHALL OVERCOME

1 We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand.
We'll walk hand in hand someday,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

3 We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

4 We shall stand together, we shall stand together,
We shall stand together now,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.