

HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY  
WITH GOOD THINGS  
AND SENT THE RICH AWAY  
EMPTY-HANDED.

- LUKE 1:53



## HOME WORSHIP

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*"We proclaim God's Word to the world according to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and strive to be Christ-like in all that we do."*

**Joyce K. Allen, Pastor**

**December 20, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### OPENING PRAYER

Open our ears, O God and help us to hear the voice heard in the darkness, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Make way! Level the valleys! Straighten the paths! Prepare the way for his coming: The coming of the Lord! Help us to repent; turn and be restored. God, open the ears of our souls to hear your word of salvation. Open wide our hearts and our minds to see, feel, hear, and know the salvation of our God. Amen.

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we light the fourth Advent candle. Let us pray. O Emmanuel, our king and law-giver, the Savior of the nations. Come and save us, O Lord, our God. Amen.

The first candle reminded us of hope. The second candle reminded us of peace.

The third candle reminded us of joy. The fourth Advent candle is the candle of love — the love of Mary for her child, the love of God of all humankind. May the light of hope, peace, joy, and love burn brightly in our hearts all our days.

### HYMN FOR REFLECTION

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*What Child Is This*

## PRAYING

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride, and lift up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again. Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYER

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

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## PROCLAIMING

### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 145

### ANTHEM

*Brightest and Best (Star in the East)*

Cindy Feyler, piano

### SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4-8

### SERMON

“Proclaiming”

Rev. Joyce Allen

## RESPONDING

### HYMN FOR REFLECTION

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*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

### UNISON BENEDICTION

We go now: to wait and work for the coming of the day of God. In the wild places prepare a straight path for the Lord. We will lead lives of holiness and godliness, strive to be found at peace, and speak freely of the Lord's comfort and promise.

And may God our shepherd gather each of us in loving arms; May Christ Jesus reconcile justice and peace within you; And may the Holy Spirit baptise you into the life of God.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upper Rooms: The March through December issues of the daily devotional are in the sanctuary or may be picked up at the office. Donations (\$1). Also, Our Daily Bread March through February.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ogden shut-ins      Bob Fagan      Dick McKane  
Rev. Lynn Snyder      Our Church Family under Quarantine

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Thur. Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve Online**

<https://www.facebook.com/OgdenHillcrestUMC>

**Premier & Watch Party 1:00 pm**

Thur. Dec. 24

**4:00 pm**

**Outdoor Worship**

Thur. Dec. 24

**7:00 pm**

**Drive In Christmas Eve Service**

## MINISTERS THIS MORNING

GREETERS

Judy Clark

Maralena Dropp

Jessica Feyler

ORGANIST

Cindy Feyler

TECH SUPPORT

Greg Milunich

ADMIN. ASST.

Jim Shaffer

CUSTODIAN

Paul Lewis

## COVID -19: IN PERSON AND BROADCAST

In person Sunday services Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> 10:45

LEAVE ROOM FOR JESUS

Services also being broadcast live on Facebook  
same time.



Please sit 6 ft. apart



Sunday at the

## What Child Is This

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for  
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

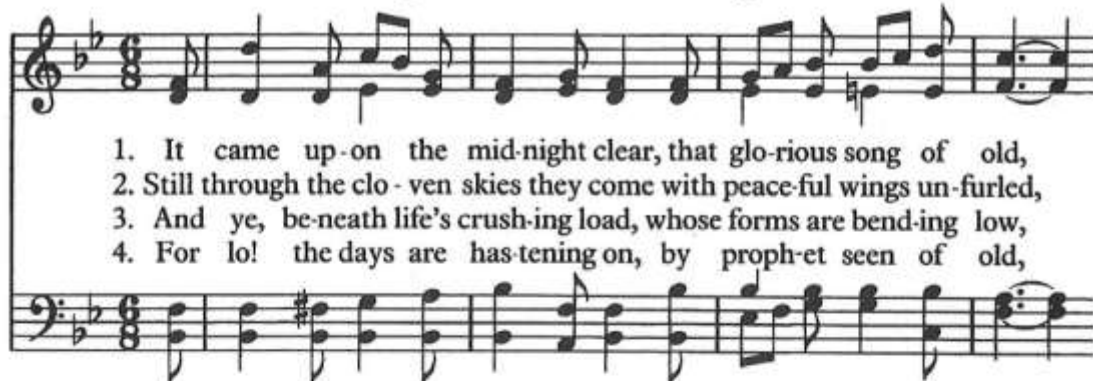
an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

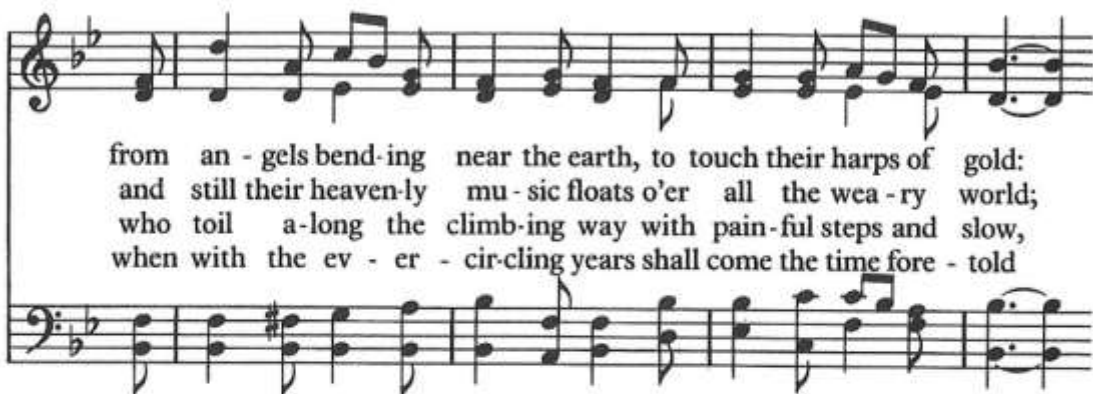
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

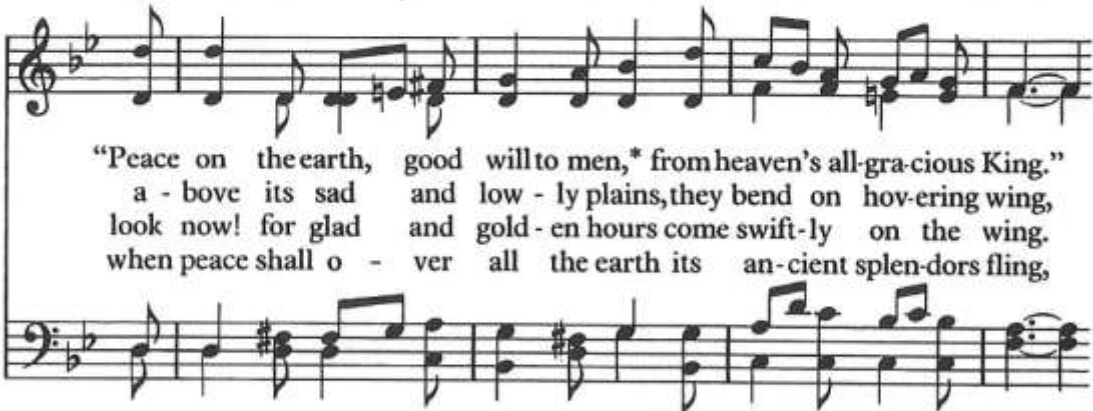
## 218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



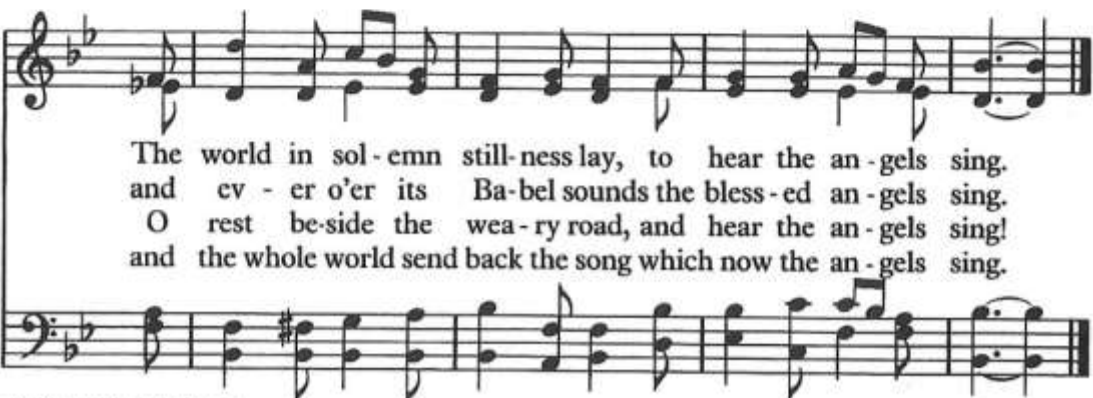
1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 4. For lo! the days are has-tening on, by proph-et seen of old,



from an-gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav-en-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world;  
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow,  
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told



"Peace on the earth, good will to men,\* from heaven's all-gracious King."  
 a-bove its sad and low-ly plains, they bend on hov-ering wing,  
 look now! for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing,  
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-ern still-ness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.  
 and ev-er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 O rest be-side the wea-ry road, and hear the an-gels sing!  
 and the whole world send back the song which now the an-gels sing.

\*"all" may be substituted