

SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

112 West Peters Street
December 27, 2020

Owensville, Missouri 65066
9am

The First Sunday after Christmas

MEDITATIVE MUSIC AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SPECIAL MUSIC

Moment of Silence

OPENING PRAYER FOR CANDLE LIGHTING

Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we have caught
throughout this season of Advent and Christmas
of your gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace.
Even in the midst of fear,
of challenge, of struggle—
even when we have not been sure of tomorrow,
you have ignited the Light within us,
***People: ... and we have glowed with its brilliance
from the inside out.***

LIGHTING OF ALL THE CANDLES

HYMN: “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” NCH 126

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
As you sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, give thanks and sing.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE (Smile and wave to those around you.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Luke 2: 22-40

SERMON

Believe This: The Time Has Come

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE followed by

Silent Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Musical Response *“Believe” (sung to “Give Thanks”)

Believe, with a hopeful heart! Believe, and shine your light!

Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!

And now let the weak say, “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich
because of what our God has done for us.” Believe!

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OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELVES

- Show your belief in God by sharing.
- Consider giving to the Christmas Fund of the UCC.
- Share what you have whatever it is, it is enough.
- Donate via PayPal on our website or write a check.

Prayer of Dedication

**We dedicate these our gifts to you. May these gifts help the world
to know of the good news that Jesus Christ is born. Amen.**

GOING FORTH: “Do You Hear What I Hear”

*HAND BELL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES AND POSTLUDE

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