



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Call to Worship

Leader: Christmas Day is past and is now beginning to fade from our memory,

People: but the Baby born to be our Savior lives on.

Leader: The gifts we gave and received are all opened and put away,

People: but our God, who came to us in love, keeps on giving.

Leader: The world's observance is over,

People: but we, the church, still celebrate.

Leader: If we listen carefully, we can still hear the angels' song.

People: We hear, we remember, and we lift our hearts in praise to the newborn King.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "What Child is This"

What child is this, who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard while angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, in Christ You were born as a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us.

People: Forgive us when we fail to live as people guided by Your light.

Leader: Forgive us when our words and actions do not witness to Your compassion and mercy.

People: Forgive us when we choose to hide the joy of Your goodness from others.

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to follow in Your ways of humility, love, and peace.

People: Forgive us when we fail to recognize Your light in the faces of our family, neighbors, enemies, and friends.

Leader: Forgive us, God of grace.

People: Let Your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to Your word.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Behold! God has given God's Son that we might have life— new, vital, and sparkling. Feel the wondrous love of God, and remember the good news of the Gospel:

All: Through Jesus Christ, born in human flesh, we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Reflection

"Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light

I want to follow Jesus

God set the stars to give light to the world

The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all

The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God

I want to look at Jesus

Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ

I want to follow Jesus

When we have run with patience the race

We shall know the joy of Jesus

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

"The Prophet Anna"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"Make Room"

Benediction