## Mentor United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Worship 3:00 PM

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Prelude

"Break Forth Into Joy" from The Christmas Oratorio " J. S. Bach /arr. Van Denman Thompson Amy Bender, organist

Entrance of the Light

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Isaiah 9) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Hymn 196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Christ Candle Kelly Quittenton

\* Hymn 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Service of Lessons and Carols

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Barb Holzhauser

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Hymn 230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Luke 2:8-14

"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'"

Hymn 238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Luke 2: 15 – 20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Hymn 249

"There's a Song in the Air"

Christmas Offering Emphasis "Mary, Did You Know?" arr.Jack Schrader Charter Members Men's Choir; recorded December 24, 2019

Doxology

Prayer

Message

Home for Christmas: Jesus, at Home in Our Hearts Rev. Sondra Snode

Holy Communion

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. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Worship through Music	"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Willie Dycks, soloist	Robert MacGimsey
The Passing of the Light		
Hymn 239	"Silent Night, Holy Night"	
Christmas Blessing Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our heart, he may save us from our sins, and Restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator. To whom be everlasting praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.		
Hymn 246	"Joy to the World"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"	Wilbur Held

\* Cantors for this service are Laurie Babcock, Carrie Domonkos, Willie Dycks, Larry Fram, and Noralee Starr.



In appreciation of our military and their families In appreciation of our pastors and church staff IMO Mike and Nancy Abbey IMO Cephas A. Allen IMO Jack and Pat Anderson IMO Rex & Elizabeth Bly, Peggy David IMO Henry W. Brown III, Dr. Henry & Ruth Brown, Leslie & Rita Stuckert IMO Margaret & Cecil Sprague IMO Dorothy & Ralph Kepp IMO Patrick J. Domonkos, Sr., Bernice Miller, Richard & Elizabeth Powell, Grace & Ken Zelms In appreciation of Jeanne Domonkos, Bruce & Kathy Powell IMO loved ones In appreciation of Carole and Patsy, Rich, Heather, and Michael IMO Ron and Marna Eppler, Alan and Doreen Moorman IMO Ray & Vonnie Watson, Bill & Vivian Fellows In appreciation of our children and grandsons IMO Howard and Ruby Irish, Roland and Patricia Fournier IMO Hugh and Grace Allee In appreciation of Pastors and Staff of Mentor UMC in this difficult time IMO Durley Imbler In appreciation of Dee Smith IMO Ralph Gettig To the Glory of God IMO Louis (Jim) Simer, Don Luther To the Glory of God IMO Jacque Haines IMO Charles Wm. Dykes, brother IMO Linda Hinkley To the Glory of God IMO R. Quentin and Eleanor M. Hinamon IMO Florence M. Humphrey, David M. Humphrey & Edgar O Humphrey IMO Robert and Shirley Gockel, IMO Art and Mary Iacofano (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents) IMO Robert Irvin. John and Edith Pelton In appreciation of Healthcare and Frontline workers everywhere IMO Bill & Marjorie Wilde IMO Jeff Meyer, In appreciation of Gloria Meyer IMO James McArthur IMO Our Grandmothers IMO departed loved ones IMO Dear members of the Fotia and Posar families To the Glory of God IMO of Jay Schirm, husband and father IMO of William F. & Anita Romig, parents and grandparents IMO of Jack & Sheila Schirm, in-laws and grandparents IMO Joanne Pleska, Ginnie Small, Bill Small In appreciation of Pastor Sondra IMO Russell and Ruth Pletcher, Kaitlyn Eileen Temple, IMO Frank and Margaret Temple IMO Roy and Marian Sloan, Kenneth Sloan IMO my wife, Judy, and our parents

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