

The liturgical color is purple, signifying the first Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”
Amy Bender, organist

arr. Cathy DeRousse

WELCOME

Pastor Ivy, 9:00 | Pastor Steve, 11:00

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In God's house, we can be joyful.

We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.

In God's house, we can be weary.

We can be anxious. We can be grieving.

In God's house, we can be honest -

Inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious, and everything in between.

This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

Let us worship our loving God.

***OPENING HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

vs. 1-4 UMH 211

Lighting of the Hope Candle Melanie Lyttle, 9:00 | Lara Proegler, Gabriel, Reid, & Paige Crozier, 11:00

ONE: How does a weary world hope?

MANY: By telling stories of hope, by lighting candles in the night, and planting seeds in the winter that will bloom in the spring.

ONE: By praying for children as they grow, and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

MANY: By insisting that small acts can make a difference.

ONE: There are a million ways to practice hope. So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and a charge.

MANY: With God's help, may we bring hope into a weary world. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

KIN-DOM SIGNS

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

** Congregation invited to stand if able*



O Holy Light

A Cantata for Christmas
by Mary McDonald, Orchestrated by Ed Hogan
Narrated by Liese and Ken Vito

*Presented by the choirs of Mentor & Painesville United Methodist Churches
Amy Bender & Fritz Streiff, Directors*

Rejoice! Your Light Has Come

O Come, Emmanuel
Laurie Babcock & Ben Chiappone, soloists

Worship Christ, the Newborn King

The Christmas Gift

In a Manger

O Holy Light

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving - UMH 17

May the Light of Christ
Ushers will light their candles from the Christ Candle and share their flames with the congregation to pass the light.

Come and Adore Him
with Congregation

Rejoice! Your Light has Come - Reprise

*FAITH IN ACTION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

arr. wilbur Held

Orchestra

Flute - Judy Elias

Oboe, English Horn - Jeff Kish

Clarinet - Tracy Paroubek

Horn - Wendy Rhoads

Trumpet - Amanda Alafi, Ben McMurtrie

Trombone - Pat Humphrey

Euphonium - Brad Leyrer

Percussion - Laurie Kunes, Evan Palermo, Darin Petrowski

Violin - Matt Gittins, Maria Vinas

Viola - Virginia Ashley

Cello - McKinley Glasser

Double Bass - Matt Yoke

Piano - Bonnie Budziak



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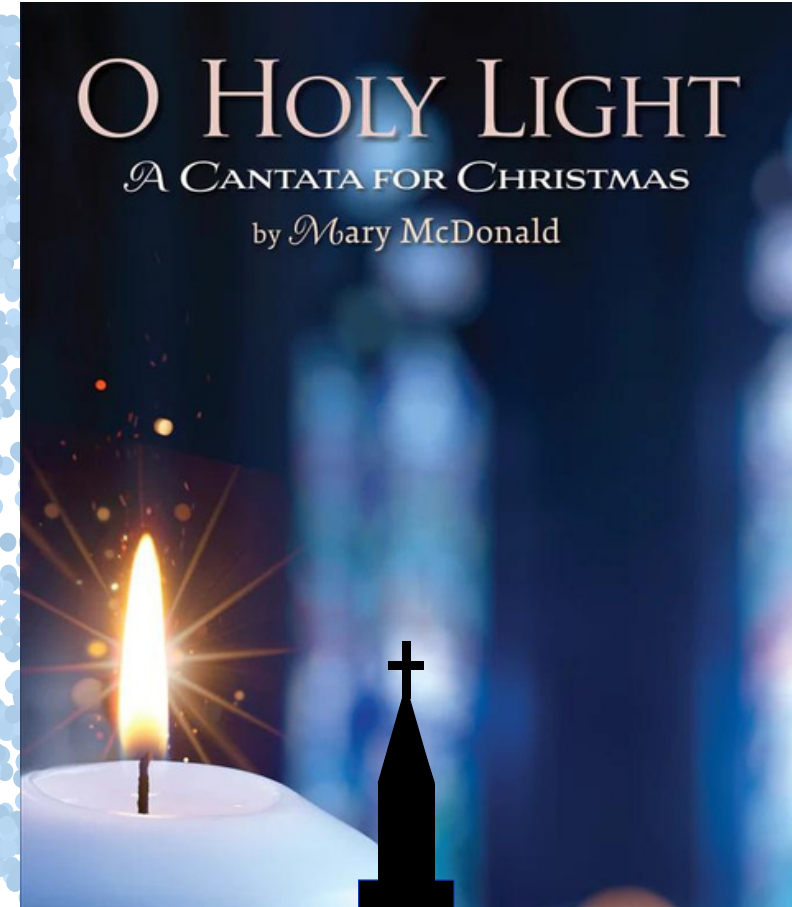


How does a
weary world
rejoice?

O HOLY LIGHT

A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS

by Mary McDonald



December 3, 2023
Traditional Worship