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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
DECEMBER 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“There is something in the depths of our being that hungers for wholeness and finality. Because we are made for eternal life, we are made for an act that gathers up all the powers and capacities of our being and offers them simultaneously and forever to God.”

Thomas Merton

PRELUDE

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” *arr by Smith & Hustad*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: Into a world where so many are sorrowful, where people live in the shadow of grief, of anxiety, and despair,

People: God sends the promise of joy and light.

Leader: We wait together for a Savior who can bring healing to our heavy hearts,

People: who will be Immanuel, God with Us.

Response (Those on Zoom may sing, those in the sanctuary, please hum)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Leader: In the face of sadness, grief, and anguish, we light a candle of joy, that the light from this candle may dispel the darkness,

People: and remind us of the promise that God’s healing is at hand.

Leader: We light the first Advent candle for hope, the second for love, and the third for joy.

(Please light your candles at home as we light three candles in the sanctuary.)

HYMN #246

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Isaiah 11:6

Dexter Time *(Rev. DeMott and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)*

Children's Prayer

Lord's Prayer *(using debts-debtors)*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

by John H. Hopkins, arranged by Larry Sue

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" *arr. Robert Lau*

BLESSING & AMEN

HYMN #218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

REFLECTION

HYMN #240 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

People: To God alone all glory be

All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey
Flowers.....Advent Wreath
Special Music.....Laurel & John Buckwalter, Laurie DeMott,
Lana Meissner, Luanne Crosby, Deb Stephens
Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O’Connor
Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom or remain in the sanctuary for our Virtual Christmas Party.

Sunday, December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Advent

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Mary Lou Cartledge
Flowers.....Advent Wreath

Thank You – Dear UUC friends, We want to thank everyone for your love and support after my dad’s death. We have received so many letters, food items, and prayers! We are very lucky to have this Church and its members in our life. Mary and Jen Smith and family

Christmas Cards for Loved Ones: If you are unable to visit with loved ones or if you have loved ones who will be alone during the holidays, the Diaconate would like to send them a card. Please give names and addresses to Deacon of the Month, MaryAnn Whittemore: whitteduc@twc.com

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder’s sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze’s niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, the Napolitano family on the death of Dan’s father, the Finlay family on the death of Terry, Joan Schulze family on the death of her sister's son. Mary Smith and Jen Smith and family on the death of Bill Smith (condolences may be sent to Mary Smith 6947 Twin Valley Terrace, Almond NY 14804-9712; Jen Smith's address is 1380 Oak Ridge Ln, Alfred Station NY 14803-9511; Julie (Smith) McGill’s address is 1702 Locust Hill Way, Dillsburg, PA 17019.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Christmas Boxes

SPECIAL OFFERING: The loss of income from this year’s Bazaar is significant so the Trustees are asking that you consider giving what you would have spent on the Bazaar as a special offering to the Church in addition to your regular pledge.

DECEMBER LEADERS

Deacon.....MaryAnn Whittemore
Elder.....Eliza Ordway
Fellowship.....Catherine Chambers
Trustee.....Jerry Jusianiec
BOCE.....TBD