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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
DECEMBER 20, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church**

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” Winston S. Churchill

PRELUDE “We Three Kings of Orient Are” *arr Manuel*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: The prophet Micah says, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,

People: whose origin is from of old, from ancient days....

Leader: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,

People: in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

Leader: And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

People: and he shall be the one of peace.

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: Because of war, because of violence in our communities, because hatred is still so strong, and there is still so much unrest among people, we light a candle of peace.

People: We light this candle of peace as a prayer and a promise that God’s way of peace will be victorious. Leader: We light the first Advent candle for hope, the second for love, the third for joy, and the fourth for peace.

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

HYMN #211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Proverbs 11:24-25
Dexter Time (*Rev. DeMott and her dog, Dexter, discuss*)
Children's Prayer
Lord's Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

the opening scripture)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Angels We Have Heard on High"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE To "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "Hear our prayer."

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY "I Wonder as I Wander" *arr Robert Lau*

BLESSING & AMEN

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 60:1-7

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

People: but the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,

People: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around;

People: they all gather together, they come to you;

Leader: your sons shall come from far away,

People: and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant;

People: your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

Leader: because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,

People: the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

People: all those from Sheba shall come.

Leader: They shall bring gold and frankincense,

People: and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

HYMN #245 "The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

REFLECTION

HYMN #230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

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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.....Mary Lou Cartledge
Flowers.....Advent Wreath
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 Coffee Hour.

**Thursday, December 24, 2020 – 5:00pm
Christmas Eve Service**

**Sunday, December 27, 2020
First Sunday of Christmas**

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner
Flowers.....Lana Meissner

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, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy).

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
ElderEliza Ordway
Fellowship.....Catherine Chambers
Trustee.....Jerry Jusianiec
BOCE.....TBD


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