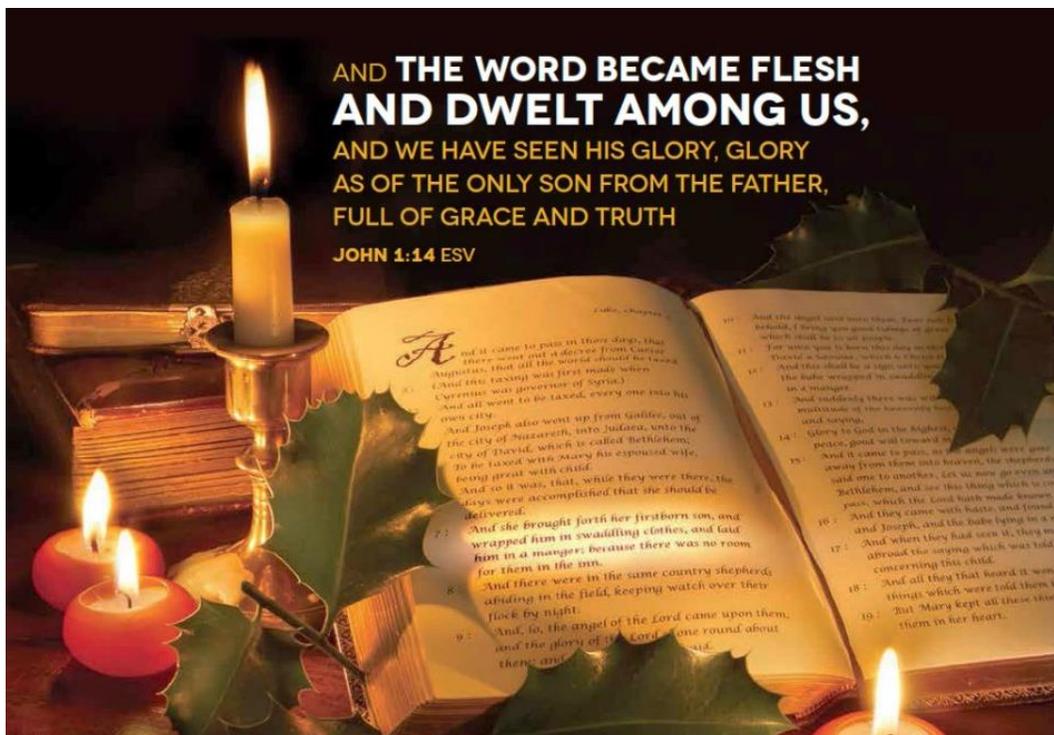


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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

PRELUDE "A Boy Is Born" - Titcomb

PROCESSIONAL "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

O sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Now to our God be Glory in the highest!

Refrain

Amen, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
O Jesus, forever be Thy Name adored;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Celebrate the coming of the Light.
O Sing to the Lord a new song, God's salvation is at hand.
Celebrate the coming of Salvation.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.
Celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace.
I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.
Celebrate the coming of Christ!

INTROIT "O Holy Night"

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Bill Stine, soloist

Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

God of light and love, shine upon us this Christmas Eve and in the year ahead. Guide us out of darkness and into your joyous light. May our lives reflect your glorious love, that others may see your Christmas Spirit in us, each and every day of our lives. Amen.

CAROL "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Grace revealing Christmastide!
Jesus came to win us
From all sin within us
Glorify, glorify the Holy Child!

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Love revealing Christmastide!
Loud hosannas singing
And all praises bringing,
May Thy love, may Thy love with us abide.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arr. Wagner

Handbell Choir

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

"Christ's birth and Kingdom foretold."

CAROL "Behold a Branch Is Growing"

Behold a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace;
As prophets sung, foreknowing,
It springs from Jesse's race,
And bears one little Flower
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

Isaiah hath foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold It,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This Child to her is given,
At midnight calm and still.

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-39
"The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary."

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

SPECIAL MUSIC "Away in a Manger"

Roger Hager

THE THIRD LESSON Matthew 1:18-25
"Matthew tells of Jesus' birth."

Josh Mullins

SPECIAL MUSIC "Mary Did You Know"

Rene Miserez
Monte Grubbs

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-14
"Luke tells of the birth of Jesus."

Barb Schmutzler

SPECIAL MUSIC "Little Drummer Boy"

Shirley Klein

THE FINAL LESSON John 1:1-14
"John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation."

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CAROL "Silent Night"

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright;
'Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing:
Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Guiding Star, lend thy light!
See the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous Star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

BENEDICTION

CAROL "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 heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, wonders of His love.

POSTLUDE "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" - Pachelbel

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

Welcome to our Christmas Eve Service from Central United Church of Christ. We are delighted that you have chosen to take a few moments to worship the Lord with us. We wish you a Blessed Christmas!

We would like to express our appreciation to our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Judith Scott, for leading us in worship tonight. We would also like to thank our Church Organist, Shirley Klein; Bell Choir Director, Rene Miserez; Bell Choir and Choir members; and Bill Stine and Roger Hager for the wonderful music they have shared with us this night and throughout the Advent Season. Thanks also to our Scripture readers, Barb Schmutzler and Josh Mullins. We are grateful also for the untiring work of Allen Schmutzler for his skill and direction in setting up new sound and recording devices, to Alan Bagnall for editing the final transcription, and Joshua Mullins who faithfully has appeared at every request and for every service to record during the Fall and Winter of this Covid Year.

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