



Bethel

CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Born of Love

Shaped by Grace

Transformed for Service

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Order of Worship

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*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.

The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in BOLD.

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Sue and Wendell Pike

Voice 1: The Gospel of Luke speaks about God's messenger: In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah. John went into the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Voice 2: God comes to us through particular people, in particular places and times, in the past and here and now. Our second candle reminds us to look for the light of God in God's messengers today.
(Light the second candle)

Voice 1: Living Christ, give us faith to trust you and hope to follow you!

ALL: **We trust you, we love you, we worship you! Amen.**



Sing! #174

Star-Child

(Teachers, children and youth depart for the Fellowship Hall for pageant practice)

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

God most particular, descending from generalities to show yourself in person, and speak to John the Baptizer in a particular time and place, make our love for you as particular and specific as your love for us, beginning here, beginning now, through the leveler of mountains and the straightener of crooked ways, Jesus Christ, who taught his followers to pray, Our Father/Mother, 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.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7; Luke 3:2-6

Sermon

Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak

*Hymn #102

O How Shall I Receive You

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #782

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we return to you thanks for life and breath and for your gifts of strength and skill, of money, wisdom, hope, and love. Use our tangible gratitude to extend our sharing of the gospel, until you bring to completion the good work you have begun in us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Holy Communion - All are welcome at Christ's table!

This morning we will receive communion by Intinction which means "dipping." Bread and gluten-free round wafers may be dipped in grape juice (silver chalice); or wine (earthen chalice). Those seated in the back of the sanctuary are invited to come forward first via the center aisle. You may visit either station. As you receive the bread and the cup, you are invited to respond with silence or the phrase, "thanks be to God." Return to your seat via the side aisles.

*Hymn #123

Mary Woman of the Promise

*Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement

- While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

Birthdays This Week

Gregory Scott 12/11
Karen Strickland 12/11
Laurie Reed 12/12
Martin Kolb 12/13
Connor Miers 12/14
Luke Mitchell 12/14

Today's Worship Leaders

Reader—George Patch
Flowers—Susan & Peter Bauer
Ushers—George Patch (Head), Cathy Thoma, David Thoma, Lynne Elbert
Coffee—HomePerk
Food—Nancy Hilbrick, Jeanette Howell
Open and Close—David Green
Sound—Soren Knudsen, Tim Galvan
Nursery—Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman

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