



“...the child to be born will be holy.”  
- Luke 1:35

**December 20, 2020**

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Luke 1:46-49*

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord.

**People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: For the Mighty One has done great things for me.

**People: Holy is God's name.**

HYMN #203

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* vs 1 & 4

Charles Dickerson

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Holy God, you reveal mysteries and proclaim good news. Sometimes we respond in faith, but not always. Forgive us the times we have closed our minds and hearts to you and to our neighbors. Renew our trust in you and your wisdom. Make us ready to share your love with the world. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#234

**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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Love

**A candle is burning, a candle of love.  
A candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to the earth.**

ANTHEM

*"I Need Christmas This Year"*

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

#95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures, here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

An angel visits Mary

Michele Nelson

SERMON

*"It Takes a Child"*

April Herron

HYMN #219

*"What Child Is This?"* vs 1 & 3

Charles Dickerson

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble:

*Paula Kuno* – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

*Michael Starr* – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

*Cory Tramontelli* – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director  
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse  
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director  
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director  
Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor  
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director  
Althea Waites, Organist  
Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music  
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer  
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