# Morning Worship Sunday, December 20, 2020, 10:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent

**Beginning Music** "Love Came Down at Christmas"

RoseAnne Homola

**Prelude** "Angel's Song" Connecticut Chamber Choir

**Words to ponder:** "O my soul, magnify the Lord. God is worthy to

be praised."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16;

Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27

Scriptures for xxx Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 61:10-62:3;

Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

#### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Patti Early

Eunice Alberts.

Call to Worship (Responsively) Leader

Leader: God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest.

Rejoice in God our Savior. God has done great things for us in times past. God will do great things

for us in days to come.

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle/Reading

People: Rejoice in God our Savior. Christ's mercy is

upon us, offering hope in times of despair.

Leader: Rejoice in God our Savior. Christ's love has made us

whole.

People: Rejoice in God our Savior. The Spirit's power

disarms our pride and prejudice.

Leader: Rejoice in God our Savior. The Spirit's power

strengthens our mercy and compassion.

People: Rejoice in God our Savior. Even as we are filled

this day, may we go forth to nourish a world in

need. Rejoice in God our Savior.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Leader

Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here. As we follow in Mary's footsteps, open our hearts, that we might be filled with your goodness and your love. Live in us, that we might bear the Christ light for all to see. Overshadow us with your presence, that we might truly be blessed and offer your blessing of love to the world.

Opening Hymn

"What Child is This?"

Paula Koch,

Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Marsha Moore

#### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Hymn of Preparation** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

Sermon "Awe and Wonder"

Pastor Ed

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Leader

Savior God, shine upon us with your grace. We long to align ourselves with the proud and the mighty. Guide us to walk with those who are poor and weak. When we yearn for riches and glory, guide our hearts back to your thirst for justice and righteousness. Remember us with mercy. We desire to live as the household of faith you would have us be. Help us live according to your gospel and trust that all things are possible in your love. In Christ's saving grace, we pray. Amen.

#### **Silent Meditation**

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

#### The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

#### **Doxology**

#### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely, we are blessed. We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. With joy, we pray in gratitude and praise. Amen.

#### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Sending Hymn** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York,

RoseAnne Homola

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**Benediction** "Star Child" Rose and Dave Aiello

#### **Words of Assurance**

Our Worship Tech Team
Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Tanya Lennon; Children's Time: Marsha Moore

Joys and Concerns: Bill Florin

Soloists: Paula Koch, Rose Aiello, Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt,

Dave York

Guitarist: Dave Aiello

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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