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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
JOINT WORSHIP
December 24, 2023 • 10:00 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏 – Shane Cantanho, piano

WELCOME 歓迎: — Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual
Formation, Community Engagement, and Music

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 招きの言葉 (L.-Liturgist; P.-People)
– Rev. Bobbie Corson

L: Dear friends, long ago God promised that a child
would be born,

P: And Mary said “Yes, let it be.”

L: God promised a baby, and away in a manger no
crib for a bed,

P: A child was born.

L: God promised light

P: And even now a light shines in the darkness.

L: God promised love,

**P: And Jesus came to dwell among us full of love,
both human and divine.**

L: God promised deliverance,

**P: And Jesus was born to embrace us, heal us and
set us free.**

L: God promised that from the love and grace of
Jesus, a beloved community would be born,

P: And the church came into being.

L: God promised and God delivered,

P: And that is our faith, our hope and our joy!

L: With such faith, hope and joy, let us pray.

***OPENING PRAYER** 祈祷 – Rev. Bobbie Corson

Loving God, as the countdown to Christmas continues, creating frenzy and rush in so many of us, we have chosen to come into this sacred space to watch and wait for you to be born again and again, in and through even the likes of us.

As we watch and wait we pray that you might calm and center us so that we, like Mary and Joseph before us, might find the grace to say our own “Yes” to the unexpected, strange magnificence of this blessed season.

Enlarge the inns of our minds and the mangers of

our hearts so that we might become a blessed and beautiful community of life-giving, heart-warming, peace-making love, through Christ our Lord. Amen

***SONG: “He Is Born (Il Est Né)” UMH #228**

– Wesley Praise Band

Traditional French Carol. Public Domain

He is born, the holy Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
sing we now of the Savior mild.

Through long ages of the past,
prophets have foretold his coming;
through long ages of the past,
now the time has come at last!

He is born, the holy Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
sing we now of the Savior mild.

O how lovely, O how pure
is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure,
gracious gift to humankind.

He is born, the holy Child,

play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
sing we now of the Savior mild.

Jesus, Lord of all the world,
coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
grant to us thy heavenly peace.

He is born, the holy Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
sing we now of the Savior mild.

***SONG: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH #220**

– Wesley Praise Band

*Words by James Montgomery, Music by Henry T. Smart,
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Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,

yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING:

— Kellie & Brent Nunokawa and their children

Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to the king and said, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as the darkness or high as heaven”. But when the king refused, God would not be stopped. “Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel”.

God wants us to know, even when we aren't sure ourselves. God wants us to experience God's presence, even when we think we can handle life on our own. God sends us signs of God's presence with us; all we need to do is keep our eyes open and look.

A reading from Matthew 1:23-25, "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife and she bore a son; and he named him Jesus.

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.

CHORAL ANTHEM 聖歌隊讚美:

"Take Me Back to Bethlehem" — Wesley Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin and Tim Wanstall

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SCRIPTURE 聖書: — Rev. Bobbie Corson

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the

house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE聖書:

Hatsumi Sato: 佐藤初美

ルカによる福音書 1 章 26節 - 38節

²⁶六か月目に、天使ガブリエルは、ナザレというガリラヤの町に神から遣わされた。²⁷ダビデ家のヨセフという人のいいなずけであるおとめのところに遣わされたのである。そのおとめの名はマリアといった。²⁸天使は、彼女のところに来て言った。「おめでとう、恵まれた方。主があなたと共におられる。」²⁹マリアはこの言葉に戸惑い、いったいこの挨拶は何のことかと考え込んだ。³⁰すると、天使は言った。「マリア、恐れることはない。あなたは神から恵みをいただいた。³¹あなたは身ごもって男の子を産むが、その子をイエスと名付けなさい。³²その子は偉大な人になり、いと高き方の子と言われる。神である主は、彼に父ダビデの王座をくださる。³³彼は永遠にヤコブの家を治め、その支配は終わることがない。」³⁴マリアは天使に言った。「どうして、そのようなことがありえましょうか。わたしは男の人を知りませんのに。」³⁵天使は答えた。「聖霊があなたに降り、いと高き方の力があなたを包む。だから、生まれる子は聖なる者、神の子と呼ばれる。³⁶あなたの親類のエリサベトも、年をとっているが、男の子を身ごもっている。不妊の女と言われていたのに、もう六か月になっている。³⁷神にできないことは何一つない。」³⁸マリアは言った。「わたしは主のはしためです。お言葉どおり、この身に成りますように。」そこで、天使は去って行った。

**MESSAGE 説教: “Together: The Beauty of Community-
Week 4” – Rev. Dick Corson**

SONG: “Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH #242

— Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Christina G. Rossetti, Music Traditional Irish Melody
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Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor,
love for plea and gift and sign.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金 :

— Rev. Bobbie Corson

Thank you to all who donated toward the Poinsettias
decorating our Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY MUSIC— Shane Cantanho

***DOXOLOGY** 颂荣 — Shane Cantanho

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" words by Thomas Ken | music by Luis Bourgeois | words and music Public Domain

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

In Japanese:

A me tsu chi ko zo ri te
Ka shi ko mi ta ta e yo
Mi me gu mi a fu ru ru
Chi chi mi ko mi ta ma o. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER 祈祷** — Rev. Bobbie Corson

Loving God, receive these tithes and offerings as a sign of our willingness to say “Yes,” as Mary did, so that Christmas can happen and Christ can come to live and dwell among us, again and again and forever. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — Rev. John Oda

***HYMN: 奉献曲: “Joy to the World”** — UMH #246 —
Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Isaac Watts, Music arr. from G.F. Handel by Lowell Mason,
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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 world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

***BENEDICTION** 祝禱: – Rev. Dick Corson

***RESPONSE** 応答 – “Go Now In Peace” – Shane Cantanho

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Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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