



Wesley United Methodist Church **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY JOINT WORSHIP

December 31, 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: — Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

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

– Jim Mar

L: God of glory,

P: you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation.

L: May we like Anna find our home in your presence,

P: and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ,

L: so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children,

P: we may join with all creation to sing your praise. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER 祈祷 – Jim Mar**

O Holy One, heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem. Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal in that same child, that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***SONG: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

UMH #240 – Wesley Praise Band

Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Felix Mendelssohn. Public Domain

Hark! the Herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold hime come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

***SONG: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

UMH #218 – Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Edmund H. Sears, Music by Richard Storrs Willis
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It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,

from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,

when with the ever circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

SONG: “Away in a Manger” UMH 217

– Wesley Praise Band

*Words Anon., Music by William J. Kirkpatrick
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Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Jim Mar

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE 聖書:

Katsue Watts: ワッツ克枝

イザヤ書 61 章 10 節 - 62 章 3 節

¹⁰ わたしは主によって喜び楽しみ
わたしの魂はわたしの神にあって喜び躍る。

主は救いの衣をわたしに着せ
恵みの晴れ着をまとわせてくださる。
花婿のように輝きの冠をかぶらせ
花嫁のように宝石で飾ってくださる。

¹¹ 大地が草の芽を萌えいでさせ
園が蒔かれた種を芽生えさせるように
主なる神はすべての民の前で
恵みと栄誉を芽生えさせてくださる。

¹ シオンのために、わたしは決して口を閉ざさず
エルサレムのために、わたしは決して黙さない。
彼女の正しさが光と輝き出で
彼女の救いが松明のように燃え上がるまで。

² 諸国の民はあなたの正しさを見
王はすべて、あなたの栄光を仰ぐ。
主の口が定めた新しい名をもって
あなたは呼ばれるであろう。

³ あなたは主の御手の中で輝かしい冠となり
あなたの神の御手の中で王冠となる。

MESSAGE 説教: “Luke visits Mary” – Mark Teagle, Director
of Spiritual Formation, Community Engagement, and
Music

SONG: “Treasure It All”

— Wesley Praise Band

Words and Music by Mark Teagle

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Treasure it all in her heart.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Mother Mary with her child.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Hold him close and rock for awhile.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Winter night, no room in de inn.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Share de barn with her animal friends.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Shepherds came runnin' when dey hear de angels sing.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Dey got to see just what is happening.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Treasure it all deep in your memory.

Ponder it well, it's worth remembering.

To the Temple to present him.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Prophets bless the One who sent him.

Treasure it all in her heart.

For he will be our salvation.

Treasure it all in her heart.

For Israel and every nation.

Treasure it all in her heart.

See him grow in wisdom and stature.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Mary's baby is our savior.

Treasure it all in her heart.

Treasure it all deep in your memory.

Ponder it well, it's worth remembering.

Treasure it all in your heart.

Treasure it all in your heart.

Treasure it all— in your heart.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金 : — Jim Mar

Altar Flowers are given by Gene & Louise Kinoshita
in memory of Michie and Kaneta Kinoshita.

OFFERTORY MUSIC— Shane Cantanho

“In the Garden”

***DOXOLOGY 頌栄 — 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** — Jim Mar

We bless you, O Lord, for you have visited your people in one like us in all things but sin, and in human fragility you have revealed the face of divinity. Bless these our gifts to continue your work in this world through the ministry of this congregations. And gather into your arms all the peoples of the world, so that in your embrace we may find blessing, peace, and the fullness of our inheritance as your daughters and sons. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — Rev. John Oda

***HYMN 赞美歌: “There’s a Song in the Air” UMH #249**

— Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Josiah G. Holland and Music by Karl P Harrington,
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There’s a song in the air!
There’s a star in the sky!
There’s a mother’s deep prayer
and a baby’s low cry!
And the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,

for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy
o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy
is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

In the light of that star
lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar
has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame,
and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations
that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,

and we greet in his cradle
our Savior and King!

***BENEDICTION 祝禱:** – Mark Teagle

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

Words and Music: Don Besig OneLicense 735877-A.

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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*Please stand if you are able.