

Those Who Serve

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Faith United Methodist Church

January 8, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

REFLECTING THE SACRED

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

We pray for Hope this day.

We pray for Hope this day.

We pray for Love this day.

We pray for Love this day.

We pray for Joy this day.

We pray for Joy this day.

We pray for Peace this day.

We pray for Peace this day.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see our deepest selves

We open to see our deepest selves

as a gift of holy presence.

as a gift of holy presence.

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

lighting the way to peace.

lighting the way to peace.

Upon this moment,

upon this people,

upon this place,

the holy comes.

And sacred knowing

brings sacred being

for sacred doing of God's plan.

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PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Living God, Christ Mystery, Holy Spirit,
we give you thanks for this holy sensing of your presence.**

**As we take in the light you offer,
may we be a reflection of that light,
expanding the sacred being of this place
into the sacred being of all things.
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” UMH 234

REFRACTING THE SACRED

FIRST READING

Luke 2:1-20 (The Voice Translation)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Verse 1) UMH 230

“Away in a Manger” (Verse 1) UMH 217

“The First Noel” (Verse 1&2) UMH 245

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Verses 1,2&3) UMH 238

“Special Music”

“What Child is This” (Verses 1,2&3) UMH 219

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Baby Christian and Family

Bernice Osborne

Bev Wolford

Betty Miller

Bradley Adams

David Inman

Dennis Cebulsky

Diana Bohn Family

Doug Adams

Ed McAuley

Ellen Kelton

Heidi

Jane Thorne

Janice Moore

Jill Shrock

Jim Tignor

JoAnne Peadon

Juanita Mohler

Karen Bay

Karen Norman

Karen Wilson

Kevin Bushong

Laura Peck

Marilyn Inman

Marlene Farley

Pastor Joy Wigal

Sandra Boyd

Family of Steve DeGarmo

Steve Inman

Suzanne Collins

Terry Pickens

Thea & Mark Crawmer

Tim & Sherry Dickerson

Veronica

Vicky Wolfe

Zola Duncan & Family

Medical Faith Shut-in:

Kathleen McCutcheon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 8

Worship..... 10:30am

Taking down Decorations.....After Worship

Monday, January 9

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

UMW Book Club..... 1:00pm

Tuesday, January 10

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, January 11

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, January 12

Office Open..... 10:00am-2:00pm

BENEDICTION

*When you see lights twinkle,
when you catch a reflection in a mirror,
when you notice the sunlight dancing on a surface
or a nightlight glowing in the darkness,*
let these be signs that the Christ Light is revealed
again and again in and through this world.

Know that your brilliant presence
is pouring more hope into a weary world.

We will remember

God loved us by becoming us.

This means you are already
reflecting the sacred.

In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
Amen.

POSTLUDE

REFILLING THE SACRED

PRAYERS

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth
reflecting the sacred story.

This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Christ invites all to his table,...
... our hearts might be filled completely.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Maker and Lover of all,...
...peace with you in our depths.

**Open us, O God,
free us to reflect the sacred.
Touch us with your presence,
we pray in your Holy Name:
Christ, Anointed One.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:..
...You are not alone.
**You are forgiven and freed. You are not alone.
Glory to God!
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...
...join their unending hymn:

Praise God, Praise God of pow'r and might,

**Praise God whose presence shines through our night.
Praise God of glory, hosannas sing,
reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors light for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.**

Holy are you,...
...the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Anoint this community...
...now and forever.
Amen.**

**This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors light for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LIFTING OF THE CUP

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

REFRAMING THE SACRED

ANOINTED TO SACRED BEING

CLOSING HYMN

"Silent Night" (Verses 1,2&3) UMH 239