

WORSHIP TOGETHER

for the week beginning December 20, 2020



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our gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

adapted from "Week 4: December 20, 2020, 'Waiting on the Threshold'" by Derek Weber, *UMCdiscipleship.org* (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2020>).

We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now.

Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding.

(Light four candles on the Advent wreath—three blue and one pink)

May the light and warmth of these candles remind us of the nearness of our God—Emanuel—God with us.

"Peace on Earth (Silent Night)"

Words and Music by Peggy Lee and Sonny Burke

Performed by the FUMC Virtual Choir

our reading & reflection

Luke 1:26-38

Common English Bible

How God Becomes Real

IV. Pay Attention (Look!)

Pastor Jacob

“Some Children See Him”

No. 3065, *Worship & Song* (2011)

Words by Wihla Hutson; Music by Alfred Burt

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1.

Some children see him lily white,
the baby Jesus born this night,
some children see him lily white,
with tresses soft and fair.
Some children see him bronzed and brown,
the Lord of heaven to earth come down;
some children see him bronzed and brown,
with dark and heavy hair.

2.

Some children see him almond-eyed,
this Savior whom we kneel beside,
some children see him almond-eyed,
with skin of yellow hue.
Some children see him dark as they,
sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray;
some children see him dark as they,
and ah! they love him too!

3.

The children in each different place
will see the baby Jesus' face
like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace,
and filled with holy light.
O lay aside each earthly thing,
and with thy heart as offering,
come worship now the infant King.
'Tis love that's born tonight!

our thanks & prayers

Giving Thanks

Voice 1: The Lord be with you.

Voice 2: And also with you.

Voice 1: Lift up your hearts.

Voice 2: We lift them up to the Lord.

Voice 1: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Voice 2: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Voice 1: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...

Voice 2: Your blessings overflow, help us to recognize and name them now:

*You are invited to name things you are thankful for.
Feel free to share with everyone verbally.
You may also type your thanks in the chat.*

“Christmas Doxology”

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.
Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

Praying Together

You are invited to add your specific prayers silently, in the chat, or verbally following the prompts below.

Together let us pray for our world.

Together let us pray for our community and neighborhoods.

Together let us pray for our friends and family.

Together let us pray for ourselves.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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.

Amen

No. 2072 (Refrain ONLY), *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

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Sending Forth

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

No. 251 (vs. 3), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

3.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

