

Order of Worship
December 27, 2020

PRELUDE *The First Noel* Charles Zook

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE Mary Jane Cole

OPENING HYMN
Away in a Manger
Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Brittany Watson

CHILDREN'S TIME The Kinders

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pat Lile

HYMN
O Little Town of Bethlehem
O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears for all the years are met in thee tonight

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 22-40 Adam Fogleman

SERMON Hold the Light Rev. Haley Jones

OFFERTORY
What Child is This?
What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are sleeping?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary
The babe, the son of Mary*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Holy Foster

I believe that Christmas is more than toys, gifts, and sparkling trees. It is the celebration of the birthday of God's very special Son. And I believe that my response to him is a joyous renewal of my life. I believe that this "Child of Hope" grew to maturity and followed God's will perfectly. My response to him is as simple as listening to God, and as hard as doing what he wants me to do. I believe that the "Prince of Peace" has a dream for us -- one we have not fully lived as his people. My response to him is nothing short of giving that peace to another person. I believe God sent love to us -- not the soft, plastic variety -- but a love of courage and strength. My response is a renewal of my energy to serve him. I believe God gave us joy -- the gift of smiles and laughter. He did not intend for me to frown his love, but to share it through smiles. I believe that as I stand in this season of joy, my life is a changed celebration of his Kingdom of Peace. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Joy to the World

BENEDICTION

Rev. Donna Hankins