



# Martin United Methodist Church

## Service of Worship

*bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison*

TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

W&S: Worship and Song hymnal Supplement

All able are invited to stand for all portions marked with an asterisk (\*)

December 18, 2022

11:00 A.M.

### Prelude

*Sing We Now of Christmas/*  
*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*  
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

arr. Brant Adams

### Welcome

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

### \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Northup and Yingst Family

**\*Opening Carol***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH 213



1. Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold, the King of  
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple,  
3. Re - deem-er, come, with us a - bide; our hearts to thee we  
4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on un - til our glo - rious



glo - ry waits; the King of kings is draw - - ing  
set a - part from earth - ly use for heaven's em -  
o - pen wide; let us thy in - ner pres - - ence  
goal is won; e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal



near; the Sav - - ior of the world is here!  
ploy, a - dornd with prayer and love and joy.  
feel; thy grace and love in us re - veal.  
fame be of - fered, Sav - - ior, to thy name!

*United Methodist Hymnal 213*

WORDS: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855 (Ps. 24)

MUSIC (TRURO, LM): *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Caleb Bennetch

**ALL: We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
maker of all we see and all we don't see.  
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.  
He is one with the Creator;  
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God moving among us;  
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;  
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

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## **\*Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## **The Passing of the Peace**

Caleb Bennetch

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ  
with those that surround you.*

## **Children's Time**

Robin Bratton

*All children are invited to come  
forward for a message*

## **Prayers of the People**

Daniel Reeves

## **The Lord's Prayer**

***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.***

## Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5; 9-10

- 1 In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.
- 2 The Word was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Everything came into being through the Word,  
and without the Word  
nothing came into being.  
What came into being
- 4 through the Word was life,  
and the life was the light for all people.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.
- 9 The true light that shines on all people  
was coming into the world.
- 10 The light was in the world,  
and the world came into being through the light,  
but the world didn't recognize the light.

## Sermon

*Hope Is Found Around  
the Christmas Tree*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

**Carol***God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

W&amp;S 3052



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. In Beth - le - hem in Ju - dah this bless - ed babe was born,  
3. From God our heaven-ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came,  
4. The shep-herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,  
5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



for Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior was born up - on this day,  
and laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bless - ed morn:  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same,  
and left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem-pest, storm, and wind,  
and with true love and broth-er-hood each oth - er now em - brace;

*Refrain*

to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
for which his moth-er Ma - ry did noth-ing take in scorn.  
how that in Beth-le - hem was born the Son of God by name. O  
and went to Beth-le - hem straight-way, the bless-ed babe to find.  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face.



tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tid-ings of comfort and joy.



## Offertory Prayer

Daniel Reeves

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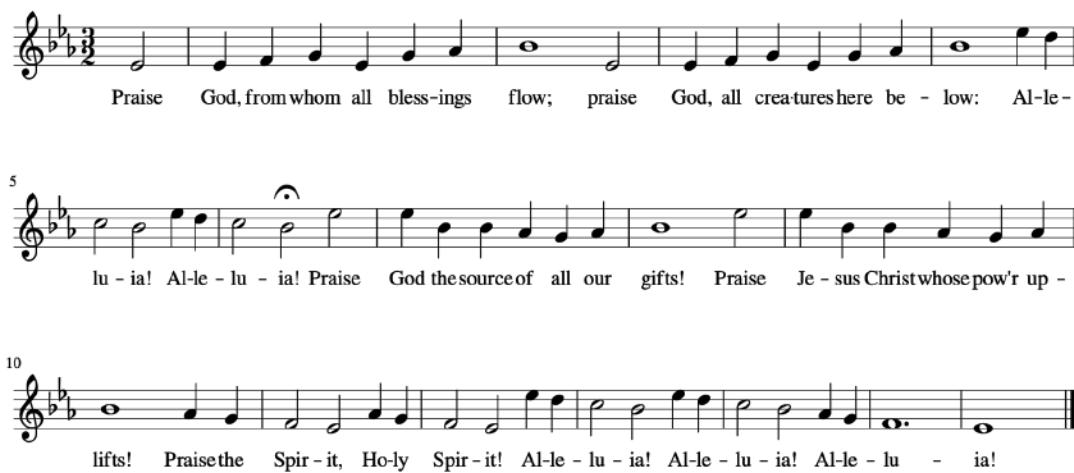
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## Offertory

*Sussex Carol  
The Worship Choir*

arr. Hagenberg

## \*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ whose pow'r up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! - ia!

## \*Invitation

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

# \*Carol of Commitment

# *In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221

1. In the bleak mid-winter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2. Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
3. An - gels and arch-an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign.  
cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim throng - ed the air;  
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
what I can I give him: give my heart.

# \*Benediction

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

# Postlude

Emma Wimberg