



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice  
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

11 December 2022 – 10:30 AM

**Third Sunday of Advent**

\*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.  
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

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PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on 'Chartres' and 'Greensleeves'</i> Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist	Richard Purvis
WELCOME		the Rev. David Pattee, pastor
INTROIT	<b>O come, O come, O Adonai, who came to all on Sinai high, And from its peak a single law proclaimed in majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.</b>	VENI EMMANUEL
LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE		Shell McNeal, Skye McNeal and Will Tomlinson
*HYMN 102 (hymn sheet)	<i>O How Shall I Receive You</i>	ST. THEODULPH
*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS		Tom Postlewaite, liturgist
	<b>Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven: May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe. May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small. And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us. Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.</b>	
*GLORIA	<b>Glo---ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo---ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o.</b>	
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS		
*GREETING OF PEACE		
CHRISTMAS CANTATA		Daniel Pinkham
	Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director • Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist	

Luke 2: 8-12

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

*I. Quem vidistis, Pastores?*

Whom did you see, shepherds, tell us! Proclaim to us on earth who has appeared!  
"We saw the new-born child and choirs of angels praising the Lord!"  
Announce the Birth of Christ!

*Isaiah 11:6-9*

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

*II. O, Magnum Mysterium*

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament that animals should see  
the new-born Lord lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy  
to hear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

*Phos Hilarion*

Light of the world in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face,  
transparent flame of love's free duty, you bring salvation to the human race.  
Now, as we see the season dimming and turning, we raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
worthy are you of endless blessing, Sun of our night, Lamp of our days.

*III. Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.  
Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness,  
Enter into his presence with great joy!  
Know that the Lord alone is God  
He has made us and not we, ourselves;  
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Alleluia and Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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Offertory Music

*Quem Pastores*

Helmut Walcha

\*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:**  
**to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;**  
**to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;**  
**to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;**  
**to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;**  
**to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;**  
**for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

\*HYMN 118 (hymn sheet)    *Of the Parent's Heart Begotten* [stanzas 1-3]

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Winchester New*

Malcolm Archer