

ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 20, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
11:00am
St. John's United Methodist Church

Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Joel Beckett and Jim Ahrend

“O Come, Emmanuel”
arr. Raymond Haan

Invocation

Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

Thanks be to the God of light.

In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings love.

Thanks be to the God of love.

In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

Come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel!

Hymn

UMH 198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God 198

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
2. My God has done great things for me: yes,
3. From age to age, to all who fear, such
4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - ve - lous ways.
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

WORDS: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 (Lk. 1:46b-55)
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Musical Response

UMH 219

**Watch, watch for Christ is near,
the promised Son of God most dear.
Love, love, his light will clear
The shades of death and sin.**

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance

Invitation to Give

*Go to stjohns-abq.org to give online.
You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

Shea Perry

**"The Gift of Angels"
Charles Peery**

Doxology

UMH 221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

UMH 217

217

Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Pastoral Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Luke 1:26-38
Romans 16:25-27

Message

“God Is In the Manger: Mystery”

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn

UMH 206

206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Jim Ahrend

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Rev. Kelly Giese
Matthew Greer, Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry