



# Bethlehem

## United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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### GATHERING AND PRAISE

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**“Surely the Presence of the Lord” (UMH #328)**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,  
I see glory on each face;**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake”**

### MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (UMH #349)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

MORNING 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Lani Smith

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15 (CEB)

**9 About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. 10 While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. 11 And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”**

**12 At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. 14 After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, 15 saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When We are Called to Sing Your Praise”

TFWS #2216

SERMON

“In The Wilderness with Angels and Wild Beasts”

Rev. David Lord

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RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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“Spirit Song” (UMH #347)

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
with His Spirit and His love.

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh let Him have the things that hold you,  
and His Spirit like a dove

will descend upon your life and make you whole.

**Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs,  
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.**

**Oh come and sing the song of gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness;  
Give Him all your years of pain  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

**Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.**

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**SENDING FORTH**

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

**“Shalom to You” (UMH# 666)**  
**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.**  
**May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.**  
**In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**