CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Debra W. Haffner, Minister
Gail Swain, Music Director
Carol Thorson, Accompanist

Welcome	Rev. Debra Haffner
"Oh Come All Ye Faithful"	Cortez Montalbo
Opening Words: "Reading" by Rev. Douglas Furbush	Rev. Debra Haffner
Congregational Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	Christmas Choir
Scripture: Matthew 1:18 – 25	Rev. Ray Rayburn
"O Come Emmanuel"	Edy Rhodes
Scripture: Luke 2: 1 – 19	Bukowinski Family
Congregational Carol "Angels We Have Heard On High"	Christmas Choir
"The Risk of Birth" Madeleine L'Engle	Pamela Cote
"What Child Is This"	Christmas Choir
The Night Before Christmas" Clement Clark Moore	Andy Kreyche
"I'll Be Home for Christmas" i-movie by Beth DiPasquale	Carol Thorson
Congregational Carol "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"	Cortez Montalbo, Choir
Homily: "Christmas Eve 2021"	Rev. Debra Haffner
"Silent Night" UUA Video	Rev. Debra Haffner
Benediction	Rev. Debra Haffner
"Joy to the World"	Cortez Montalbo
Postlude "Carols Medley"	Carol Thorson/Ron Friedman

Thank you to tonight's participants:

Carol Thorson-piano, Ron Friedman-guitar & flute, Cortez Montalbo-trumpet
Vocals: Gail Swain, Claire Paul, Amy Taylor, Megan Trever-Ryan, Laura Lewandowski, Patti O. Hedderly, Reggie McLain, Jerry Paul
Readers: Ray Rayburn, Bukowinski Family, Pamela Cote, Andy Kreyche
Tech: Vera Williams, Cheri Callis
Special thanks to Beth DiPasquale who donated her time to create the imovie for tonight's service.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all-gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
Over all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever over its babel-sounds
The blessed angels sing

For lo, the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

See within in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above
Mary, Joseph lend your aid
While we raise our hearts in love Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon wonder, mother and child
Holy infant, tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night
Child of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.