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Sunday, December 15, 2019

10:45 a.m.

***“Informal Praise Service”***

*As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone*

**We Are Chosen    We Are Blessed    We Are Loved**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

**Opening Songs**

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem / Away in a Manger”*

**Opening Prayer**

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

**Ralph & Judy Johnson**

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**Song            “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”            Praise Band\***

**Scripture Reading            Luke 1:39-45            Liturgist**

**Message            Rev. Deborah Lerner**  
*“The Journey: Mary Visits Elizabeth”*

**Prayers**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music            “This Love”**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Closing Song            “Midnight Clear (Love Song)”            Praise Band\***

**Blessing**

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