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Sunday, December 22, 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**

***“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”***  
***“Emmanuel”***

**Praise Band**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

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**Message                    Rev. Deborah Lerner**  
***“The Journey: From Nazareth to Bethlehem”***

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**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music            “A Strange Way to Save the World”**

**Prayer after Communion**

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