



United Methodist Church
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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

Praise Band

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

“Emmanuel”

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Advent Candle

Dan & Linda Mellon

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Song ***“O Come All Ye Faithful”***

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Scripture Reading **Luke 2:1-7**

Liturgist

Message

Rev. Deborah Lerner

“The Journey: From Nazareth to Bethlehem”

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The Sacrament of Communion

Lord’s Prayer

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

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Closing Song ***“Joy to the World”***

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