

WE GATHER 前奏

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS 歓迎と報告

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

THRESHOLD MOMENT: I believe in the light, I believe in the light That has come, that has come, and is coming. I believe in the light, I believe in the light That has come, that has come, and is coming.

Reader: We see the star rising

Congregation: We see the star rising

Reader: We hear the glad tidings

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Reader: We know we are not alone

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OPENING PRAYER 祈り

Lyssa Ogilbee

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of peace on earth. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we aren't sure that goodwill among us can be found, ignite the flame of peace within us,

Reader and Congregation: that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

I believe in the light, I believe in the light, that has come... that has come... and is coming.

Reader: Help us face the pain of life and embrace the assurance that light is already here, and always coming.

All: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 讚美歌

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 1, 4, 6, 7)

UM Hymnal #211

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. **Refrain**

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

7. O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. **Refrain**

CANDLE LIGHTING ろうそく点灯 You are invited to light your Advent 4 candle of Peace at this time

WE PROCLAIM

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Sheep Fast A Sleep

Wesley UMC Nichigo Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 1- 5 (CEB)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

MESSAGE

"I Believe in the Light: Illuminating Peace"

Rev. Motoe Yamada Foor

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS

Stillness

Virtual Chancel Choir

Words: Lindy Thompson & Mark Miller

Music: Mark Miller

The gentle pull of God is often lost amidst the rush of all the obligations which lay a claim on us.

Yet just beyond the frantic pace our restless feet have
trod lie deep still pools of quietness—the dwelling place of God.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord. Be the air I breathe.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord.

Free me to receive.

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER 祈り

THE LORD'S PRAYER 主の祈り

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.

WE GO FORTH

CLOSING HYMN 讚美歌 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (v.1) by Centennial UMC Choir UM Hymnal #251

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. **Refrain**

*BENEDICTION 頌栄

HANDBELL BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE

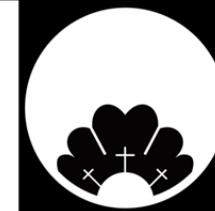
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Thoughts on the Message



Part 4
"I Believe in the Light: Illuminating Peace"

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