

WE GATHER 前奏

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS 歓迎と報告

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

THRESHOLD MOMENT: I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining.

Reader: Even when the sun is hidden from sight

Congregation: Even when the sun is hidden from sight

Reader: Even when love feels so remote

Congregation: Even when love feels so remote

Reader: Even when God is silent

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Reader: Even then...

Congregation: Even then...

Reader: We believe

Congregation: We believe

OPENING PRAYER 祈り

Lyssa Ogilbee

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpse of heaven on earth In the faces and the light of those around us. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when our view is obscured by clouds of doubt, You have ignited the flame of hope, love, joy, and peace within us.

Reader and Congregation: Let us glow with its brilliance from the inside out. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 讚美歌

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #234

1. *O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.*

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

CANDLE LIGHTING ろうそく点灯 You are invited to light your Christ candle at this time

OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-5

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant.

HYMN 讚美歌

O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #230

1. *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 6-7

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

HYMN 讚美歌

Away in a Manger (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #217

1. *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 8-14

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

HYMN 讚美歌

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #240

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!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 15-18

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them.

HYMN 讚美歌

What Child is This (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #219

1. *What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?*

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: *This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 讚美歌

The First Noel (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #245

1, *The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain: *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

MESSAGE

“We Believe, Even Now”

Rev. Motoe Yamada Foor

HYMN 讚美歌

Joy to the World (v. 1)

UM Hymnal #246

1. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, (and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, (and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

CEREMONY OF CANDLELIGHTING キャンドル点灯セレモニー

Parents, PLEASE be very cautious with your child's candle!

CLOSING HYMN 讚美歌

“Silent Night” (Virtual Chancel Choir)

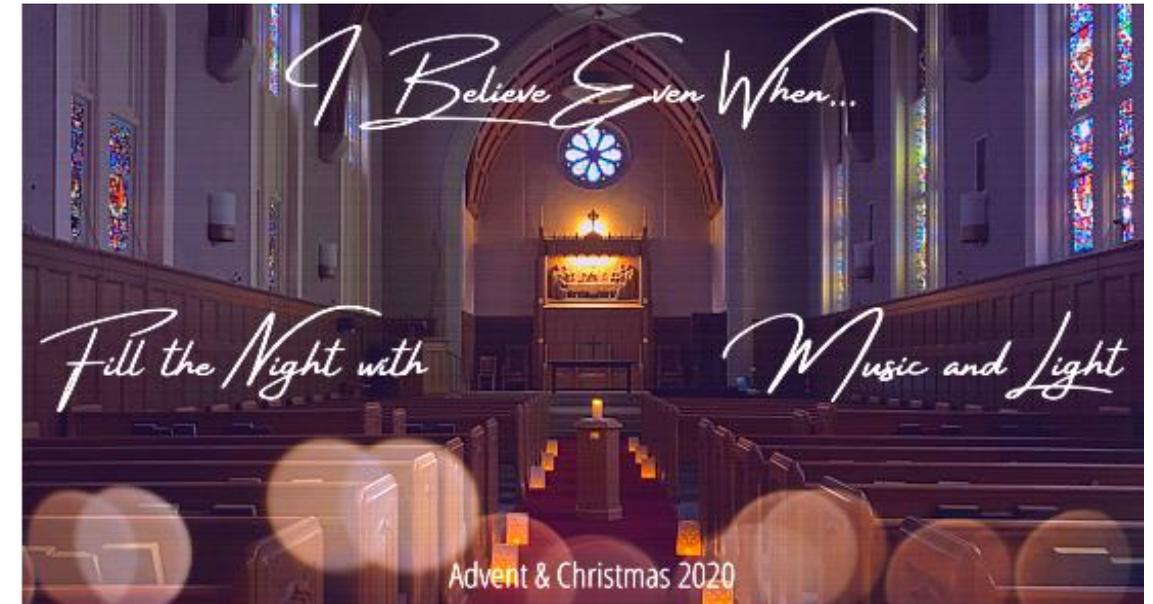
UM Hymnal #239

1. *Silent Night, holy night; all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.*
2. *Ki-yo-shi, ko-no-yo-ru, ho-shi wa hi-ka-ri, Su-ku-i no mi-i-ko wa, ma-bu-ne no na-ka-ni,
Ne-mu-ri ta-mo-o, yu-me ya-su-ku.*
3. *Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*BENEDICTION 頌栄

HANDBELL BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020**



“We Believe, Even Now”