

WE GATHER 前奏

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS 歓迎と報告

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

THRESHOLD MOMENT: “I Believe in Love” by Mark A Miller

I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it. I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it.

Reader: The emptiness of loneliness

Congregation: The emptiness of loneliness

Reader: The wounds inflicted

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Reader: The fear of the “other”

Congregation: The fear of the “other”

OPENING PRAYER 祈り

Lyssa Ogilbee

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of daring love. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we cannot yet see a better day when we will act like the human family we are, ignite the flame of love within us,

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

I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it.

Reader: Help us face this fear of difference and dare to see what love can do.

All: Amen

*OPENING HYMN 讚美歌

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (v. 1, 2, 4)

UM Hymnal #218

1. *It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold!
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.*

2. *Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats, O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing.
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, The blessed angels sing.*

4. *For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet seen of old,
When, with the ever-circling years, Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth, Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song, Which now the angels sing.*

CANDLE LIGHTING ろうそく点灯 You are invited to light your Advent 2 candle of Love at this time

WE PROCLAIM

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mathew 1: 16-25 (CEB)

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ. So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ. This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,

And they will call him, Emmanuel. (Emmanuel means “God with us.”)

When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

MESSAGE

“I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship”

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.

PREPARATION OF COMMUNION 讚美歌

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Worship & Song #3173

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 聖餐式

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER 感謝の祈り

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

WE GO FORTH

CLOSING HYMN 讚美歌

Believe (to the tune of Give Thanks)

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*Believe, with a loving heart!
Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what our God has done for us."
Believe!*

***BENEDICTION 頌榮**

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Thoughts on the Message

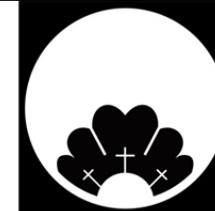
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Part II

I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship

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