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PRELUDE 前奏 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming and How Great Our Joy*
We invite you to quietly prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME & PRAYER 歓迎と祈祷

RESPONSIVE LITANY

One: Darkness—we who walk in darkness

All: have seen a great light:

One: a light that is a joy for all the earth,

All: a light that announces new life.

One: In joy we greet this light.

All: In this light we see that our savior has come.

CANDLE LIGHTING ろうそく点灯 You are invited to light your 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Christ candle (white) at this time
Nakamura Family

***OPENING HYMN 讃美歌** *Hark! The Herald angels Sing (v. 1)* UM Hymnal #240

1. 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!"

OFFERING 献金

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SCRIPTURE READING 聖書の言葉 Ryland Fernandez Matthew 2:1-2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage...."

HYMN 讃美歌 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v.1)* 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.*

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 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:8a, 9-11

Then he sent them to Bethlehem.... When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

VIRTUAL ANTHEM 讚美

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE 説教

Falling to our Knees

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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.
4. 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**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Text, call, email, or write to someone and share with them the Peace of Christ!

Our choir director, Lyssa will lead hymns/carols along with Maquette Kuper on flute, Curtis Kidwell on oboe, and Nataliya Amelchenko on piano.

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