

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

10:00pm

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction

Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1 & 3) Hymnal #234

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This year, we dreamed of world peace.

**People: We dreamed of deep breaths and restful sleep.**

Leader: We dreamed of love that lasts and suffering that passes.

**People: We dreamed of doors open wide and a cure to disease.**

Leader: We dreamed, because to dream is to believe.

**People: For to dream, is to hope; to dream is to see.**

Leader: So make room in your being to dream yet again.

**People: Of a world without fear, and a God that draws near.**

Leader: For it is almost Christmas.

**People: Love is almost here.**

**ALL: MAY WE DREAM TO SEE, AND HOPE TO BELIEVE. LET US WORSHIP HOLY GOD.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**We come to you tonight with dreams tucked into our pockets, admitting that at times it feels risky to dream. At times it feels risky to ask for too much, to believe in that which we cannot see. So instead we make wishes on stars and search for luck in clover fields. Instead of sinking into you, we try to control the narrative.**

**However, somewhere rumbling deep in our heart, there is a dream of a better world, trapped like a caged bird. Open our eyes to you in our midst. Give us the confidence of Mary to sing into the mystery. Dust your dream for us off the shelves of our hearts until once more, we are those who dream. AMEN.**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jim & Liz Weninger

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

\*Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal #240

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

Sermon "this night, we are Those Who Dream" Pastor Chad Gilbertson

Holy Communion

*(please bring your offering forward as you come to receive Communion)*

\*Song "Joy to the World" (verses 1-2) Hymnal #246

The Lighting of Candles "Silent Night" Hymnal #239

*(We will light our candles during this song, passing the light from the inside aisle to the outside. Please keep lit candles upright.)*

Affirmation of Faith/Benediction

Leader: We believe in hope.

**People: We believe that to hope is to dream with our eyes wide open.**

Leader: We believe in peace.

**People: We believe that peace is not found by accident. Prepare the way.**

Leader: We believe in joy.

**People: We believe that joy is angel choruses and gifts from the Magi, as well as comfort food, big tables, open doors, candle light, fireside, singing in the shower, and the body of Christ gathered as one.**

Leader: We believe in love.

**People: We believe that God loves us so much that God could not stay away. So God showed up as a child. We believe that that love is real, and we know that it changes us.**

Leader: Therefore, we believe in the power of dreams.

**People: And we believe that nightmares, which are all too real here and now, will have no place in God's promised day.**

Leader: Until then, we believe in passing the light, in showing up, in doing the work, in listening for angel choruses, and in learning from the youngest among us.

**ALL: WE BELIEVE. HELP OUR UNBELIEF. AMEN.**

Postlude

## Worship Leaders

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### This Week:

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream <i>Wear your Christmas Sweater</i>
Monday, Dec. 26	9:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Narcotics Anonymous (F. Hall) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Dec. 27	1:00pm 7:00pm	Trinity Readers Lunch at Hooligan's Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Dec. 28	8:30am	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity
Thursday, Dec. 29	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Jan. 1	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream