

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

December 24, 2024

5:00pm

LOVE KNOWS YOUR NAME

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. He was to be registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

All: And the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all whom God favors."

One: Let us worship Emmanuel, God-with-Us.

All: Let us sing songs of praise!

Opening Hymn "Joy to the World" (verses 1, 2, 4) Hymnal 246

Advent Candle Lighting Zehnder Family

Sung Response "Love Broke Forth"
(Sung to the tune IRBY/#250 Once in Royal David's City)

***Love broke forth to know completely
Who you are and who you'll be
Gathering into one body
All of our humanity
Tenderly Love speaks your name
Your belonging to proclaim***

Opening Prayer (unison)

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – We are leaning forward. We are craning our necks, straining to hear a murmur of the angels' song, or an echo of a gloria. We always long for you, but on this night, on this holy Christmas Eve, we long for you to feel as close as possible. So as we prepare to hear this ancient story once again, we ask that you would awaken something new in us. Awaken in us a fire for your Word. Awaken in us proof of your presence. Awaken in us your love, which is bigger than the sky, and as close as our very breath. We are listening. We give thanks. Amen.

Children's Time

Lynnette Dobberpuhl

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1&2) Hymnal 230

Scripture

Hymn "Away in a Manger" (verses 1&2) Hymnal 217

Scripture

Hymn "What Child Is This" (verses 1&2) Hymnal 219

Scripture

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1&4) Hymnal 234

Message

Rev. Leigh Brown

Offering

*Doxology

(To the tune of #219 What Child Is This)
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth
Our hope for today and always***

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger. We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world. We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same. So despite the mystery of this holy night, we believe that a star shone, that the shepherds ran, that the angels sang, and that love was born. Yes, we believe it when the prophets say that unto you, unto us, a savior is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven! We believe.

Prayer Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verse 4) Hymnal 230

Prayer

Anthem "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Bell Choir

Holy Communion

Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" Hymnal 239

Blessing

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Dec. 23	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Dec. 24	5:00pm 10:00pm	Worship/Live-Stream Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 25	Merry Christmas—Church Office Closed	
Thursday, Dec. 26	Church Office Closed 6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Dec. 29	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream



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