

12.22.19

Worship at the WELL

Gathering Music

Greeting from The Band and Each Other

Song for All "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Welcome, Announcements and Community Connections

Giving Gifts We've Brought

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

One: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love.

It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

**Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.**

Magnify your love within us.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Song for All "All is Well"

The Word from Scriptures

Luke 1: 39-56

Message

Joy to This World Sermon Series:

"Love's Work"

Prayer Station

This morning you'll find an angel in your bulletin. After today's message you are invited to bring it forward as a symbol of the message you most need to hear from God. Is it a word of comfort?

Direction or assurance about the path you are on? Do you wonder with Mary about "birthing" something new, something you and God cooperate to bring forth? Let this be a reminder of this hope and your "yes" to God.

Focus Song "That Spirit of Christmas"

*Christmas is the time of year
For being with the ones we love
Sharing so much joy and cheer*

*What a wonderful feeling
Watching the ones we love
Having so much fun*

*I was sitting by the fireside
Taking a walk through the snow
Listening to a children's choir
Singing songs about Jesus
The blessed way that he came to us
Why can't it remain
All through the year
Each day the same
That's what I wanna hear
It's truly amazing
That spirit of Christmas*

*All the kinfolk gather round
The lovely Christmas tree
Hearts are glowing full of joy
Sense the gifts that we're giving
And the love that we're living
Why can't it remain
All through the year
Each day the same
That's what I wanna hear
It's truly amazing
That spirit of Christmas*

Prayer for All

Song for All "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Blessing

Parting Music