

**We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

**\*Introit** "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: In this weary world,

**All: like Mary, we sing of hope.**

One: In this frantic world,

**All: like Mary, we sing of peace.**

One: In this wanting world,

**All: like Mary, we sing of joy.**

One: In this fragile world,

**All: like Mary, we sing of love.**

One: Today as we light the candle of love,

**All: may each gift of this season sing to our hearts,**

One: leading us, step-by-step, to the manger of life.

**\*Hymn:** "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1 – 4  
(*Lighting the Candle of Love*)

**VU#6**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy Child of Bethlehem, as we gather this morning, we come, having experienced Your lights of hope, peace, and joy. Today, as Mary sings of Your love for all creation, we rest in that light and pray that Your love may come and make a home in our hearts. Attune us to that love present between our heartbeats and breaths. Let us then carry that love out and into a needing and wounded world. In the precious name of the Christ Child, we pray. Amen.**

**Personal Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:**

"Hope Is a Star" vs. 4

**VU# 7**

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

**Your gift of love, a precious sight,  
A beacon shining, pure and bright.  
Let it fill our hearts, with tender grace,  
A holy presence, in time and space.**

**As we walk within and through our week,  
May love's sweet song to our spirits speak.  
May we and all Your children hold,  
Your gift of love, forever bold.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

**VU#14**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Reader:** Kim

**Scripture Lesson:**

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-56

**Response:**

**One:** This is God's Word of Love,

**All:** **spoken for us and through us. Amen.**

**Sermon** "Ornaments of the Heart"

**Anthem** "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love"

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "O Ancient Love"

**VU#17**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Sung Dedication:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU#543 v1**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy One, as Your love is born and walks among us,  
You deliver us from exile, separation, and despair. You draw  
us into communion with one another, with You, and with  
Your Good News. We thank You for all that draws us closer,**

**astounding us with lives transformed by Your love. Accept our gifts as tokens of our gratitude for all You give us, and bless them for Your purposes. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Angels We Have Heard on High” **VU#38**

**\*Commissioning**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

**Postlude**

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Dec 22</b> Terry & John	<b>Dec. 24</b> 7pm Kim & Kevin
	<b>Dec. 29</b> Trudy S. & John	
<b>Screens:</b>	<b>Dec 22</b> Kevin	<b>Dec 24</b> 4pm & 7pm Erik
		<b>Dec. 29</b> Erik

<b>This Week’s Calendar</b>			
<b>Tues</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	4:00pm	<b>Children’s Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b>		

Please note the office will close at 12pm on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed from Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*\*Scouts, Embers, Rumi After School Learning Centre, Church of Pentecost and other groups use the church spaces during the week\**

**Announcements:**

**Grocery Cards are Here!** This is an excellent way to support your church and one of our major fundraisers.

**UCW Invite:** December 22, (Today!) after the Sunday Service - Please join us downstairs for **Hot Cider and Christmas Treats.**

**Christmas Eve Services:** December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm (Children’s Service) and 7pm (all ages service)