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Sunday, December 18, 2016, 10:00am

Advent 4

Theme: Faithful Response

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz: O Tannenbaum – arr. by Vince Guaraldi*

PRE-SERVICE CAROLS – *(Projected) Erin MacLean-Berko*

Joy to the World **VU#59**

O Little Town of Bethlehem **VU#64**

Let it Snow

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – Advent 4 *(Responsive)*

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for love,
and to remind us that God is the light on our paths.

Light up our hearts with your ways.

God was with Mary. God was with Joseph. When we face
uncertainty, God be with us.

Light up our hearts with your ways.

God sends Christ to open our hearts to an immense love.

God, as we wait,

light up our hearts with your ways.

Light all 4 candles

INTROIT: *Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope*

MV#33

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Leader)*

OPENING PRAYER: *(Unison)*

Friends, our God is a God of love. Even in our brokenness and imperfection, God never leaves us. Like Joseph, may our dreams lead us to the wisdom of God. May angels guide our hearts and minds. We are forgiven and cherished through and through. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

VU#38

CHILDREN'S TIME – Godly Play 4

(Children and Youth are invited to join their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)*

Scripture Reader: Elaine Taylor-Kerr

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – Christmas Medley*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

In Dulci Jubilo

Gesu Bambino

THE MESSAGE: *Supporting Role*

HYMN: *What Child Is This*

VU#74

MINUTE FOR ST. THOMAS: *The Observer Magazine – Jan Campbell*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the wicker baskets)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – De Tierra Lejana Venimos (Song of the Wise Men)*

✠OFFERTORY: *In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4) (Projected)* **VU#55**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison, Projected)*

Friends, we are called to bear witness to the fragility of our human story and follow God to a manger. May we live in the light of God, that we may abound in compassion and love. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God’s church and world. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (Projected)* **MV#220**

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS *(Unison, Projected)*

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: *(Unison, Projected)*

May God’s grace be before us.

May God’s grace touch all that is behind us.

May our words be love.

May our minds settle in God’s love.

May love fill our hearts.

May God’s love and grace fill our whole being,

And be shared with all around us.

HYMN: *As with Gladness Men of Old*

VU#81

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, The Orchestra, Erin MacLean-Berko, Elaine Taylor-Kerr, Kristin Raugust, John McCrea, Jan & Keith Campbell, Myrna Malanik, Mark Wagner, The Kim-Fine Children.