

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

We Come into Worship "Angels Among Us"

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L: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

**P: alight within us your flame of peace this day.**

L: Grant us openness to hear your message.

**P: Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more peace in the midst of fear.**

L: And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing...

**Do not be afraid**

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\*Hymn of Invitation

"To A Maid Engaged to Joseph"

UMH 215

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Verses 1, 5, 6

**To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came.**

**"Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news,**

**Good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news!"**

**"How shall this be?" said Mary "I am not yet a wife."**

**The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High**

**Will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child."**

**As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words.**

**"Behold, I am your hand-maid," she said unto her God.**

**"So be it; I am ready according to your word."**

\*Passing the Peace

L: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors, for each time we connect with one another, peace grows. The peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another*

Song of Preparation                    “Surely the Presence of the Lord”  
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**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Scripture Reading

adapt. from Luke 1:26-56  
The Voice translation

Anthem                                    “Gabriel's Message”  
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Chancel Choir

Message                                “Nothing is Impossible ~ #MorePeace”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer                    “Angels Among Us”  
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Prayers of the People

L: We hear the message of God,

**P: Do not be afraid.**

L: In this moment we give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God's presence among us, in the words and actions that bring peace in the midst of fear. ...

L: For all who proclaim your reign on earth, we join their refrain,

**P: Do not be afraid.”**

Pastoral Prayer

A Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion, Silent Confession and Words of Assurance

L: And all God's people say,

**P: “Amen!”**

Song During Offering                    “Mary Did You Know”  
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\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them up to the Lord!**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: In the beginning you set everything in motion, ...

... And so we proclaim this ancient song with all of the saints and angels:

**All:**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might!*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

L: You sent your Son, Jesus – your message-made-flesh ...

... And so as we anticipate the birth of peace anew, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

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**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!**

*All Sing*

*We believe there are angels among us*

*Called within us, not just from up above*

*You give us hope enough in these times of trial*

*You show us how to live, You teach us how to give*

*You call us to be light and love*

Song During Communion "A Place at the Table"

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\*Carol

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

\*Sending Forth with Blessing [screen is the quote meme]

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Music for Going Forth

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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