

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 24, 2020

**Christmas Eve:
A Festival of Lessons and Carols**



**We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary,
and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world.**

Gathering Music Betsy Stelzer, Accompanist

Welcome Rev. Kelly Wadsworth

Lighting of the Christ Candle Liturgist: Vicky

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

We light the Christ candle to mark the coming of the Holy into the world. Amen.

Music *Joy To The World/ O Come All Ye Faithful*

Scripture Reading

Liturgist: Charlie

Luke 1:26-35, 38; The angel appears

Music *Hark the Herald Angels Sing & What Child is This*
Scripture Reading Liturgist: Penny Luke 2:1-7; Jesus born in manger

Music *Mary Had A Baby* African-American Spiritual
Performed by Annaliese Terminello with the Alki UCC Choir

Scripture Reading Liturgist Luke 2:8-16; Shepherds

Pastoral Reflection Pastor Kelly

Sung Response *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *Veni Emmanuel*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here until the child of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel*

*O Come, Desire of Nations, bind all people in one heart and mind
Make envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel*

Offering Introduction Liturgist: Joe

Offering Prayer

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Offering Music *O Holy Night* *Cantique De Noel* by Placide Cappeau
Sung by Annaliese Terminello

Closing Prayer

Lighting of Home Candles Liturgist: Verona

Closing Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* Joseph Mohr

Closing Blessing

Postlude

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