



## **ONLINE Worship Resources for Christmas Eve 2020**

*Merry Christmas! You are invited to have worship near your Christmas Tree and Advent Wreath if you have one, and to light the Christ Candle when the one in the sanctuary is lit. Also, you are invited to light another candle to hold as we sing "Silent Night" together.*

*Peace be with you at Christmas and always, **Pastor Betsy & Peace UCC***

### **Welcome**

#### **Sing of Christmas "Joy to the World!"**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their tongues employ!

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

#### **Opening Prayer**

***We sing of our joy, dear God,  
and of our gratitude for your gifts to us:***

***hope and peace, joy and love.***

***We are grateful most of all,***

***For Christ, our light and life.***

***We thank you and praise you***

***with all that we are!***

***Amen***

#### **Hear the Christmas Story**

Luke 2: 1-20

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

#### **Poetry and A Carol Sing**

*"A Moment of Nativity" by Virginia Kimball*

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

*"Joseph's Song" by George Koenig*  
*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

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.

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!

*"I Was Just a Little Star" by Amy Lane*  
*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;

Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

*"A Song Was Heard At Christmas" by Timothy Dudley Smith*  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

*"The Shepherds" by Pieter Stok*

**“Away In A Manger”**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky  
looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,  
the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus,  
look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

**“We Wise-men Three” by Father Thomas Flynn**

**“The First Noel”**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they  
lay tending their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**A Christmas Prayer**

**Christmas Eve Candle Lighting**

**Sing of Christmas**

**“Silent Night”**

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born  
Christ, the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## **Benediction**

