

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

December 24, 2023

9:30am

Theme: How Does A Weary World Rejoice?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Song of Praise "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Hymnal 218

*Greeting

Leader: How does a weary world rejoice?

People: We sing songs of hope. We allow hope to change us, to strengthen us. We tell the stories of what could be. We listen for God's word. We resist the temptation to give up or give in. We remember Mary's song. We gather for worship. We hope. We hope. Against all odds, we hope.

Leader: Friends, this is the day that the Lord is still making. Let us worship holy God.

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle The Erlandson Family

Leader: How does a weary world practice love?

Congregation: By sending cards, and picking up the phone.

Leader: By practicing empathy, and assuming the best in others. By learning people's stories and finding common ground.

Congregation: By advocating for justice, and saving a place at the table.

Leader: There are a million ways to practice love. So today we light the candle of love as a reminder and a charge.

ALL: With God's help, may we bring love into a weary world. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:46-55

Children's Message

Offering/Offertory "Medley of Away in a Manger" Handbell Choir

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely, we are blessed. We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. With joy, we sing and pray in gratitude and praise. AMEN.

The Advent Cantata "Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!"

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Director: Randi Erlandson

Accompanist: Sari Flatness

Narrators: Lori Boynton, Gail Landor, Patrick Rasmussen

"Awaken Us, O Lord"

"Silver Wings"

"Shepherd's Proclamation"

"Tender Rose of God"

"Song of the Wise Men"

"Let Heaven and Nature Sing!"

*Benediction

Leader: Family of faith, as you leave this place, you go into a weary world — so speak tenderly.

People: We will do the good that is ours to do, choose connection, hold onto hope.

Leader: And remember that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved. So go rejoicing. The world needs it.

ALL: AMEN!

Postlude

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Greeters: Connie Scott and Kathy Nelson

This Week:

Monday, Dec. 25 Church Office Closed
9:30am AA (Parsonage)
7:00pm Al-Anon (Parsonage)



Tuesday, Dec. 26 Church Office Closed
7:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)

Wednesday, Dec. 27 8:30am Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity

Thursday, Dec. 28 6:00pm Veterans AA (Parsonage)

Sunday, Dec. 31 9:30am Worship/Live-Stream

Prayer Requests:

Tina and Jim Taggart—Jim's nephew, Ryan, was in a car accident recently and required back surgery. Friend Judy is scheduled for hip replacement surgery later this month. Kaye was scheduled for a nerve ablation procedure on Monday. Another friend, Tara, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is preparing for surgery.

Carolyn M—has a co-worker whose father is in a Boston Hospital with stage 4 cancer.

The Guenthers—request prayers for Daniel's cancer to stop spreading and to find a treatment that works for him.

Debbie J—older sister Kris has pancreatic cancer. She previously received chemo and radiation, but the cancer has come back.

Jim W—asks that we remember Liz in our prayers.

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