

Christmas Eve
WORSHIP FROM HOME
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC
December 24, 2020 4:30 PM

WELCOME "Welcome to the Christmas Eve Service" - *video*

GREETING - *The Rev. Nick Davis, Bridge Pastor*

CALL TO WORSHIP(from *Chalice Worship*)

Leader: Such a large star for such a tiny babe,

People: Such a fuss over a poor child in a manger,

Leader: Such a loud song for such a quiet gift,

People: Such celebration for a little stranger,

Leader: Such a Love to enter our lives softly,

All: Such a Life to fill our hearts with Love!

CAROL "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending be;
Of the things that are, that have been, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heave adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INVOCATION(unison): **We come before you with awe, O God, freshly aware of your glory and your love embodied in the midst of this world. Here amid dirt**

and straw, amid noise of cattle and labor of birth, we perceive your work. We dare to believe that it is you, God, coming to be among us in Jesus, and so we praise you with songs of joy. Glory be to you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-7 - *Catherine Moore*

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" - *video*

THE ANNUNCIATION Luke 1:26-38 - *Sally Mills*

CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1 and 3

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The heralds angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun or righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The heralds angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST Luke 2:1-7 - *Robert Grant*

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - *video*

THE BIRTH(cont.) Luke 2:8-18 - *David Jolly*

CAROL "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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

THE MAGI Matthew 2:1-12 - *Rev. Lisa Durkee*

CHRISTIMAS PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER(debts)

THE WORD AND THE LIGHT John 1:1-5, 9-14

MESSAGE "Light Carriers"

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CAROL "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, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Christ at thy birth, Jesus, Christ at thy birth.

BLESSING