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Bulletin

December 26, 2010 “First Sunday after Christmas Day” 10:30 am

God’s Call and Our Commitment:

**To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.**

We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.

SILENT MEDITATION

“I would rather live in a world where my life is surrounded by mystery than live in a world so small that my mind could comprehend it.” – Harry Emerson Fosdick

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” (Traditional) -Carol Graham

GREETING

INTROIT -Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather, young and old together, at the manger.
People: We come in unity to worship the newborn King.
Leader: Praise our God of all creation.
People: God’s promise has come alive in Jesus, the Messiah.
Leader: The infant Jesus has come, reflecting God’s glory.
People: The Holy Babe has come, bringing comfort and joy.
All: Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” -UMH 220

UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, on this day we recognize the awesome power of Your Word. Thank You for the gift of Jesus. We pray that the spirit of the Holy Infant’s birth enters into our hearts. We ask that our actions reflect Your glory. Lord God, as we continue to open gifts, eat our fill of holiday goodies and visit with family and friends, help us to focus on You. Keep us mindful that some in our midst do not have enough food. Some in our midst suffer with broken relationships and lost friendships. Some may not receive material gifts. Guide us in sharing the most important gift of all, the love of Jesus the Christ. This we pray, united in Your love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

CAROL “Angels We Have Heard on High” -UMH 238



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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 63:7-9 (NRSV)*

-Dorothy Munroe

"I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL "Love Came Down at Christmas" -UMH 242

PSALTER *Psalms 96* -UMH 815

CAROL "Rock-a-bye, My Dear Little Boy" -UMH 235

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)*

-Dorothy Munroe

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. "He will be called a Nazorean."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Somebody Build A Manger" (*Joel Raney*) -Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE "Mixed Emotions" -Rev. George Hooper

CAROL "He Is Born" -UMH 228

SHARING OUR STORIES

CAROL OF CHRISTMAS "There's a Song in the Air" -UMH 249



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