

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SABBATH
FIRST AND SOUTH CHURCHES-- UNION SERVICE
4th Sunday in Advent**

December 19, 2021

10:00 am

"Say 'yes', and you'll figure it out after words."

Tina Fey-

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer & Rev. Todd Yonkman

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

SHARED SONG NO. 132

When God Is a Child (fourth verse)
(Brian Wren -words, Joan Fogg – music)

One: I dream of music that makes my heart swell.

All: I dream of trees that take my breath away.

One: I dream of sunrises that wrap me in light.

All: I dream of family dinners that feel like home.

One: I dream of church services that give me hope.

All: I dream of love as the default setting on everyone's heart.

One: So today, as we draw near to Christmas day, we light the candle of love.

(The candle is lit)

All: May this light burn bright as a reminder that God, who is love, is here.

One: We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

SHARED SONG NO. 132 (refrain)

When God Is a Child
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*** CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Meeting the Baby

Kaleidoscope Corner Youth

NO. 147 *Away in a Manger vs. 1, 2 & 3*

(19th Century words: anonymous music: Attr. James R. Murray)

NO. 172 *We Three Kings vs. 1 & 3*

(words & music: John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1857)

NO. 150 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing vs. 1, 2 & 3*

(words: Charles Wesley Music: Felix Mendelssohn 1840)

NO. 143 *Joy to the World vs. 1 & 3*

(Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 music: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1741 arr. Lowell Mason 1848)

SCRIPTURE

One: As we hear the words of scripture,

All: Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Luke 1:26-38

One: The grass withers and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of God shall stand forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer

* All who are able, please stand.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gloria (Angels We Have Heard on High)
(arranged by Francis L Callahan)

Bell Choir

SERMON

Those Who Dream...are not alone

Rev. Todd Yonkman

*** SHARED SONG NO. 148**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(words and Music: John Francis Wade, 1743)

There are a thousand ways to live into our commitment to this community, as our benediction reminds us. If you're able to make a donation, there's a collection plate when you leave the sanctuary. If you are not, your presence here is a gift in and of itself—thank you for being a part of us today. Please join us in the benediction.

***BENEDICTION**

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God,
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth
(arranged by Kevin McChesney)

Bell Choir

(Please remain seated for the postlude)

Our Participants in Today's Advent candle-lighting are:

10:00 AM Bill and Nancy Ross
 and Anne DelCampo

