

10:00 am Worship, December 12, 2021

* Stand as you are able

Prelude *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring with Come,
Thou Long-Expected Jesus* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Threshold Moment

**There are angels among us,
there are angels among us,
there are angels among us,
bringing joy on earth.**

[in unison]

Do not be afraid

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Stahl Family

Reader: We once again light the Candles of Hope and Peace.
And today we light the candle of Joy.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Reader: Let us pray:

**Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us Your flame of joy this day.**

Grant us openness to hear Your message.

**Grant us courage to be Your messengers in the world,
creating more joy in the midst of fear.**

And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing...

Do not be afraid

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***Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH #213

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Special Music *The King Shall Come* JRSS Quartet

Prayer Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord* UMH #328

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Prayers of the People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,**

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

Dramatic Reading of Scripture *Matthew 1: 18-25* Lisa Dickinson, Sarah Chambers
Zach Chambers

Message Do Not Be Afraid: More Joy Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Hymn** *Joy to the World* UMH #246 v. 2-4

***Benediction** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* June Shuffett