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Church of Summit



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**December 25th, 2022**  
**Christmas Morning Service**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

*Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith, worshiping and serving God.*

## PRELUDE

### *“Festival Processional”*

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Alison Johnson

Leader: Come and see!

**People: The light of God has come into our world!**

Leader: Come and follow!

**People: Christ our companion has redeemed our world!**

Leader: Go and tell!

**The Spirit has equipped us for service to love our neighbors as ourselves and to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth!**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

Alison Johnson

**Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, so that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May this Christmas morning fill us with grace. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** *Sing We Now of Christmas* (vv. 1-4) UMH #237

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Steele

**ANTHEM:**

*"Come to the Stable"*  
Chancel Choir

L. Beery

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

**SCRIPTURE:**    **Isaiah 52:7-10**(NRSV)

Faye Cunningham

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy,  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth; shout together for joy,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

**\*HYMN:**

*Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

TFWS #2096

**SCRIPTURE:**    **John 1:1- 5, 10-14** (NRSV)

Faye Cunningham

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**HYMN:**            *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

UMH#240

**OFFERING**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Voluntary on "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (*please rise as you are able*)

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH #238

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Variations on "Christ is Born"*

*\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

Please note our Music Ministry and Education Programs will be taking a break until January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Laura will be away from December 26<sup>th</sup>, through January 10<sup>th</sup>.