

# THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mystic, Connecticut

Christmas Eve 2020

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Organ Prelude *Love Came Down at Christmas* WILLIAMS

Welcome Dr. Brown

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle Cindy & Doug Brayman

Leader: Unexpectedly, the time came! The child was born!

**People: The Savior of the world is here!**

Leader: Unexpectedly, the angels told the shepherds of the newborn Savior;

**People: The Savior of the world is here!**

Leader: Unexpectedly, the shepherds went and found the child, lying in a manger.

**People: The Savior of the world is here!**

Leader: We wait for Christ to come again. We wait for Christ to enter our world and lives in a new way.

**People: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us that Christ comes to bind up our wounds. We light the second candle to remind us to follow the path Christ reveals. We light the third candle to ask Christ to prepare us to receive his light. We light the fourth candle to herald Christ's servant heart. And, at long last, we light the Christ Candle to welcome Jesus into our world and our hearts.**

Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES  
Chancel Choir

Invocation and Lord's Prayer ("debts") Dr. Brown

Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Offertory Prayer Dr. Brown

Offertory *Jubilate Deo* PRAETORIUS  
Chancel Choir

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## LESSONS & CAROLS

Lesson I Genesis 3:8-19 Peter Eastman  
*The first sin of Adam and Eve*

Carol I *Wexford Carol* LUKAS  
John Dreslin, piano

Lesson II Genesis 22:15-18 Paula Fowler  
*God's Promise to Abraham*

Carol II *Beginning Praise* PAGE  
Concert Bells

Lesson III Isaiah 9:2; 6-7 Tim Rice  
*The prophecy of the coming Savior*

Carol III *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS  
Chancel Choir (vs. 1,3,4)

Lesson IV Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9 Catherine Leuba  
*The peace of Christ foretold*

Carol IV *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* BAKER  
Claire McCarthy, soprano

Lesson V Luke 1:26-35; 38 Emma Lemire  
*The angel appears to Mary*

Carol V *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* GABRIEL'S MESSAGE  
Chancel Choir (vs. 1,2,4)

Lesson VI Luke 1:1; 3-7 Bill Hathaway  
*The birth of Christ*

Carol VI *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN  
Chancel Choir

Lesson VII Luke 2:8-16 Abby Rogers  
*The angels appear to the shepherds*

Carol VII	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i> Concert Bells	PAGE
Lesson VIII	Matthew 2:1-12 <i>The Wise Men seek Jesus</i>	Wendy Norris
Carol VIII	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Catherine Leuba, soprano	HOLST
Lesson IX	John 1:1-14 <i>John proclaims the light of Christ</i>	Drew Lemire
Pastoral Reflection		Dr. Brown
Prayer of Preparation		Dr. Brown
Carol IX	<i>Silent Night</i> Concert Bells & Chancel Choir	MOKLEBUST & MOKLEBUST
Christmas Blessing		Dr. Brown
Carol X	<i>Joy to the World!</i> Chancel Choir (vs. 1,2,4)	ANTIOCH
Organ Postlude	<i>Joyful Tidings</i>	MOFFATT

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

*In keeping with UBC's mission of helping others, this year we dedicate our Christmas Offerings to be given to:*

**SCADD** (Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence), dedicated to helping people and their families with alcohol and substance abuse problems.

**Safe Futures** of New London: Safe Futures saves lives, restores hope and changes the future for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault, stalking and trafficking in Southeastern Connecticut.

*All checks should be made payable to **Union Baptist Church**  
You may also give online by visiting [www.ubcmystic.org](http://www.ubcmystic.org)*

*Thank you for your generous support of these offerings this Christmas*

### PARTICIPANTS

*Thank you to all of the readers and musicians who participated in tonight's service.*

#### CONCERT BELLS PARTICIPANTS

Courtney Assad, Elizabeth Brown, Richard Brown, Tabitha DeVeau, Tim DeVeau, Peter Eastman, Katie Hurd, Emma Lemire, Keith Lemire, Clare Rogers, Megan Strand

#### CHANCEL CHOIR

Mark Bateman, Janice Brewer, Paula Fowler, Bill Hathaway, Katie Hurd, Irene Kiely, Mark Larson, Carol Morschhauser, Dave Morschhauser, Clare Rogers, Laura Watts

#### SOLOISTS

Catherine Leuba, Claire McCarthy

#### CANTORS

Janice Brewer, Bill Hathaway, Clare Rogers

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Janice Brewer

#### ORGANIST

John Dreslin

#### MEDIA

Dave Morschhauser & Richard Brown

### SPECIAL THANKS

*Special thanks to our Music Director, Janice Brewer, our Organist, John Dreslin, and our Media Team, Dave Morschhauser & Richard Brown for tirelessly facing the challenges of the pandemic to prepare a meaningful Christmas Eve worship service.*

