



The weary World Rejoices

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Third Sunday of Advent



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Welcome to Worship and the Children's Christmas Program!

Gathering Music

Aria Lehman, Iris Miller-Hesed, Ari & Corbin Rogers, Decker Boese

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Kay Schroeder

Litany of Advent Candles: Luka Reimer & Holden Smalley

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Isaac Miller

Worship in Song

Comfort, Comfort, O My People (VT #212)

It Came upon a Midnight Clear (VT #248)

He Came Down (VT #239)

Offering

Paxton Pfautz

Silent Night

Ken Rodgers & Gretchen Rhodes-Marasco

Please pass the attendance books

Scripture Drama

Luke 2

Narrator: Cheryl Hershberger; Joseph: Harrison Jantz; Mary: Ariadne Rogers;
Shepherds: Carsen & Rhett Smalley; Angels: Emersyn Boese, Emma Sommers,
Vanna Hein; Wisemen: Theo & Wesley Harder, Jack Kaufman

Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Greeting and Announcement Time

Choral Reading

Readers: Ani Reimer, Ava Ladd, Decker Boese, Eli Kaufman, Jason Person

Prayer of the Church

Jess Engle

Song

O Come, Take Heart

Drama

Martin the Cobbler

Intro: Holden Smalley & Paxton Pfautz; Narrators: Isaac Miller, Aria Lehman,
Corbin Rogers, Iris Miller-Hesed; Martin: Jim Yoder; Woman with baby: Laura
Reimer; Family: Stephen, Kate, Emma, & Lucas Sommers

Benediction

Postlude

*Go Tell It on the Mountain... arr. Hayes****Music Team: Emily Miller, Molly Simmering, Mark Diller, Ken Rodgers****Front Cover Artist Statement:**

A frayed and worn-out world

A migrant couple carrying a baby seek safe shelter

Light rays stream from a scrap wonky star as a crescent moon smiles

On a dark night, instead of barricades of rejection, violence and fear,
warm lights in windows signal "Welcome!"

The weary world rejoices.

Often it takes a discouraging, desperate, vulnerable situation

for us to turn on the lights in the home of our hearts

and welcome the stranger who is Christ, waiting to be born anew.

Fabrics upcycled from misfit denims, worn-outs and thrift shop buys

are cut, positioned, sewn, glued, bonded and stitched

to express fresh hope for our troubled times.

~ **Linda Schmidt (creator of the beautiful wall hanging in the South foyer)**

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
 and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

God of Christmas, Saving Jesus, Comforting Holy Spirit—thank you for HOPE—even when we have fear, uncertainty or doubt. Meet us, all of us, in real and relevant ways this Advent season!

Hear our prayers today for:

Those in our congregation and community needing health and healing. We especially remember Peggy Hook, Andy and Amy Sharp, and Clara King. We also remember Cynthia Krehbiel and the entire Krehbiel family as they grieve and celebrate Ron's passing this past week. We also lift up the MDS team in Maui. Continue giving safety and meaningful interactions to Phil and Vicki Hoffman, James Kaufman, and the Brewer family (Bonnie, Wes, Donovan, Gracia and Jeremiah). And we thank you LORD, for Bill Armfield who celebrates another significant birthday today!

God of Hope, hear our prayers for our world and country—may wisdom, compassion and love bring peace in places of violence and unrest, in Jesus' name. Amen.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: December 7: Villa Residents + 10 guest book signatures

Budget	\$12,442.75	Children's Globe	\$18.57
Vessels	\$32.80	JYF Snow Camp	\$50.00
Pathfinders	\$50.00	Service Investment Fund	\$40.00
SafeHope (Dorcas Circle)	\$50.00	MYF Snow Camp	\$2,679.00

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THANK YOU!!!!!!! To:

Dean Alison for providing some scenery and props.

Ken Rodgers & Gretchen Rhodes-Marasco for sharing many musical gifts.

Susan Lamb for her leadership, organization, and coordination.

All the participants for leading in worship today!

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH! You are invited to join the HMC church family at 9:30, Sunday morning, December 21, for our annual Christmas brunch. An egg casserole will be provided; please bring fruit, bread or other side dishes to share. Also bring your own table service so that our servers can get to the worship service in time.



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