



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
December 6, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Hymn #93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*In your presence, Holy God,
we confess that we need repentance.
We have broken your commands against idolatry.
We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.
We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,
for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news
and for the sake of all the world. Amen.*

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Special Music *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* Handbell Quartet

Prayer for Illumination *adapted from a poem by Ann Weems*

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:1-25

Sermon "I Believe in Love: Christmas at Matthew's House"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering

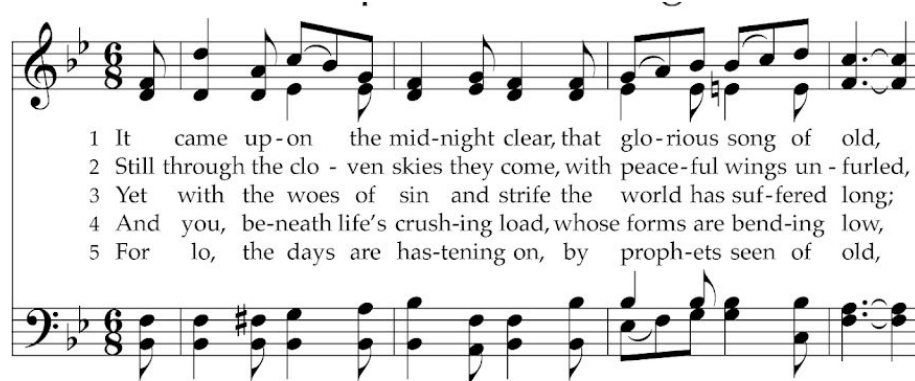
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Communion *(Please have your own elements ready, so you can partake of communion during the video.)*

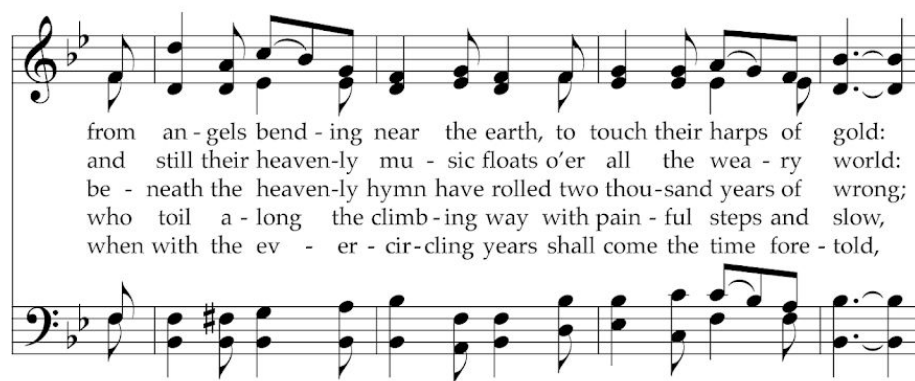
The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

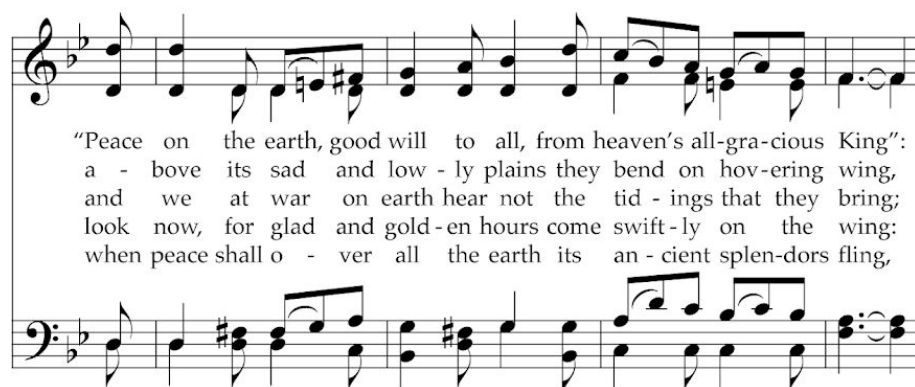
Hymn #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*



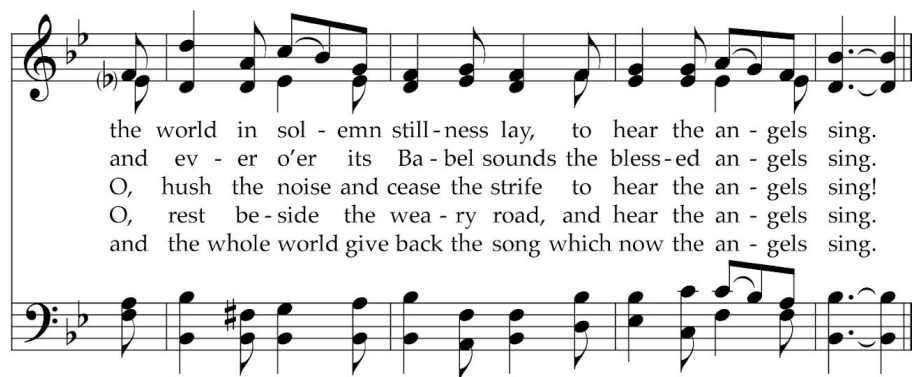
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Charge & Benediction

Handbell Benediction

Postlude *"Huron Carol"*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Advent Wreath Lighting: The Phillips Family

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Communion: Rev. Kristin Stroble, Elders Mary Harvey, Heather Myer and Susan Smalley

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Vocalist: Sulin Campbell

Handbells: Heather Myer, Becky Brown, Terry Graham, Linda Hardenbergh, Megan Jones

Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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