

*First***CHURCH**
First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Advent 4: Peace

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Long Ago”

by Gennady Aygi

And in a field
the light cried - with wet
and golden spines -

bending over a wall
of unbound rye....-

it shone
its cry unchanging....-

the World - was at peace.

PRELUDE

Introit for Advent IV “*Rorate Caeli*” (From the Heavens)
The Schola of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary
Dr. Gerald W. Holbrook, Conductor

Gregorian Chant

“Comfort Ye, & Every Valley”
Kyle Griffin, tenor; Jordan Ortman, piano

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

“Pastorale on *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*”
Dr. Gerald W. Holbrook, organ

John Barr (b.1938)

“In the Bleak Midwinter”
Jordan Ortman, piano

Arr. Brent Edstrom

THE CALL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Collinge/Laubacher Family

HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (verses 3 and 4)
Tessa Espinosa, soprano

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Brenda Mehos

John 1 excerpts (CEB)

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

The Word was with God in the beginning.
Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.

What came into being
through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to
testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would
believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission
was to testify concerning the light.

The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.

The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through the light,
but the world didn't recognize the light.

The Word became flesh
and made a home among us.

We have seen that glory....
full of grace and truth.

John testified about him, crying out, “This is the one of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.’”

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;
as the Law was given through Moses,
so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” French Carol,
Arr. Dr. Gerald W. Holbrook©2008

Tessa Espinosa, Carlisle Momberger, Katheryne Baker,
Paul Stuber, Kyle Griffin, Dominic Aragon, vocalists

LESSON FROM THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH Timo Russo

SERMON *Peace: Lighting the Way* Rev. Michael Mather

PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephanie Moffitt

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Il est né, le divin Enfant” Traditional French Carol,
Jordan Ortman, piano Arr. Dr. Gerald Holbrook©2013

***This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let’s remember to offer peace to one another.***

THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talents to today’s service:

Dominic Aragon
Katheryne Baker
The Collinge/Laubacher Family
Tessa Espinosa
Kyle Griffin
Gerald Holbrook
Brenda Mehos

Carlisle Momberger
Jordan Ortman
Timo Russo
Paul Stuber

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5291240473>

**Join Us for Our Online Services on Christmas Eve
and Sunday, December 27.**

Christmas Eve:
6:30 pm MST on Our Website and Facebook

Sunday, December 27:
10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

The flowers adding beauty to our worship service this morning were given by Ruth and Rich Irvin. They write, *“In the spirit of this Season, let us look forward with hope, wake each day with a joyful heart, love abundantly and without bounds, and continue to seek peace for ourselves and our world.”*

The lovely poinsettias that are beautifying our sanctuary during Advent were given by Fran and Rich Saxon in memory of the many friends who have passed away during this last year.

December Special Offering Split between Pastor’s Love Fund and the Nederland Food Pantry

The December special offering will be divided 50-50 between the Pastor’s Love Fund and the Nederland Food Pantry, which our youth have supported for a number of years with volunteer work and collecting supplies. The Love Fund enables Pastor Mike to assist folks who are needing some extra help with food security, rent payments, medical expenses, gas money, and other needs that arise in everyday life. The

Nederland Food Pantry helps fight food insecurity for clients in the Nederland area, and also has a clothing closet to make clothes available to those that need them, free of charge. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write “December special offering” in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church at 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. If you’d prefer to give online through our website, click on the green “Give” tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, click the “Donate Now” button, and type in the amount you’d like to give on the line for “December Mission Offering.” Thank you for your generous support of this special offering.

Giving to FUMC During the Pandemic

Just a reminder that FUMC can still receive your offering gifts to support God’s work in the world. Mail is still being checked several times each week in the church office, so you can mail checks, made payable to First United Methodist Church, to 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. You can also give online via our website: <https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.