

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

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6:30 pm Worship

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

It is God's Spirit that brings
something new when the world
is exhausted, when our imagination
fails and our lives
shut down in silence and despair.

~ Walter Brueggemann

PRELUDE

- "A Rossetti Christmas" (*In the Bleak Midwinter and Love Came Down
at Christmas*) Arr. Mark Hayes
Jordan Ortman, piano
- "Noël a Cei-ci le Moître de tô l'univar!" Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)
Gerald Holbrook, organ
- "O Come All Ye Faithful" Arr. Pete Lewis
The Pete Lewis Quintet
Robert Johnson, vocals; Victor Mestas, piano;
Jason Malmberg, bass; Clare Church, drums; Pete Lewis, sax
- "Noël Étranger" Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1722)
Gerald Holbrook, organ
- "A Child Is" Arr. Pete Lewis
The Pete Lewis Quintet

“The Father’s Rose” (*Of the Father’s Love Begotten and Lo, How a Rose
E’er Blooming*) Arr. Mark Hayes
Jordan Ortman, piano

“As with Gladness Men of Old” Arr. Brent Edstrom
Jordan Ortman, piano

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Arr. Pete Lewis
The Pete Lewis Quintet

THE CALL

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Livingston Family

HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” John F. Wade, 1743

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High” French Carol

THE WITNESS OF MUSIC Dr. Gerald Holbrook

ANTHEM “O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Tessa Espinosa, soprano; Jordan Ortman, piano

THE SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Lewis H. Render, 1868

HYMN “Away in a Manger” James R. Murray, 1887

HYMN “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

HYMN “What Child is This?” 16th c. English Melody

HYMN “Joy to the World” G. F. Handel, 1741

SERMON *Caroling to the Cows* Rev. Michael Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Pray on Christmas” Harry Connick, Jr.
Asha Romero, soprano

PRAYERS

HYMN

“Silent Night”

Franz Gruber, 1818

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Noël Suisse”

Louis-Claude Daquin

Gerald Holbrook, organ

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

***Thank you, Gerald, for one more Christmas Eve!
Blessings on your new adventures ahead!***

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

Di Beeman & Katie Warren

Glenna Briant

Clare Church

Lisa Dilling

Tessa Espinosa

Heidi Fortna

Lisa Dixon & Dean Gilbert

Jean Hodges

Gerald Holbrook

Ruth Irvin and the Worship & Music Committee

Robert Johnson

Pete Lewis

The Livingston Family

Jason Malmberg

Joan Manly

Mary McDaniel

Victor Mestas

Elliott Mickelberry

Barb Middleton

John and Arabelle Moffitt

THANK YOU (continued)

Jordan Ortman
Asha Romero
The Resch Family

Join Us for Online Worship on Sunday, December 27

10:30 am MDT on Our Website and Facebook

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

The lovely poinsettias that are beautifying our sanctuary tonight 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://funcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.