

10:30 am Worship
December 11, 2022 – Third Week of Advent

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel, Arr. B.C. Turner; “Pas de deux,” from *The Nutcracker* by Pyotr Tchaikovsky
Rachelle Crowell, flute; Zerek Dodson, organ & piano

WELCOME

Mike Mather & Lynnette Li

PRELUDE “The Angels and the Shepherds” Arr. Stephen Paulus
The Chancel Choir; Bells (Barb Olson, Di Beeman, Jason Malmberg, Aspen Malmberg); Rachelle Crowell, flute

THE CALL

HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” by John Rutter
The Chancel Choir; Mindy Gosswiller, violin; Beth Rosbach, cello;
Jason Malmberg, bass; Rachelle Crowell, flute

LIGHTING THE CANDLE - LOVE

The Livingston Family – Justin, Melissa, Aiden, Georgia, Amelia

SPECIAL MUSIC “Love Is Christmas” by Sara Bareilles
Charlotte Sass, piano & vocals; Beth Rosbach, cello

THE SCRIPTURE READING with “Lo, How a Rose” Arr. Hamilton
Luke 1:46b-55 (excerpts) —Read by Margi Resch

SERMON *It’s Good News for Somebody* — Rev. Mike Mather

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Wexford Carol” Arr. Hamilton
Katie Baker, soloist

LITANY OF BLESSING

HYMN #229 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Do You Hear What I Hear?”
The Chancel Choir; Mindy Gosswiller, violin; Beth Rosbach, cello;
Jason Malmberg, bass; Rachelle Crowell, flute

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“Love is Christmas” by Sara Bareilles

I don't care if the house is packed
Or the strings of light are broken
I don't care if the gifts are wrapped
Or there's nothing here to open
Love is not a toy, and no paper will conceal it
Love is simply joy that I'm home

I don't care if the carpet's stained we've got food
upon our table
I don't care if it's gonna rain, our little room is
warm and stable
Love is who we are, and no season can contain it
Love would never fall for that

We sing ooh, ooh, ooh
Let love lead us, love is Christmas

Why so scared that you'll mess it up? When
perfection keeps you haunted
All we need is your best my love, that's all
anyone ever wanted
Love is how we do, let no judgment overrule it
Love I look to you, and I sing ooh, ooh, ooh
Let love lead us, love is Christmas
Let love lead us, love is Christmas

“The Wexford Carol” Arr. Hamilton

Good people all, this Christmas time
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending his beloved son.

With humble hearts, we all should pray
To God with love this Christmas day.
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed Messiah born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went, this babe to find
And as God's angel had foretold
They did our Saviour Christ behold

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