



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH



Christmas Eve 2020

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Pastor Kate

Prelude video – *Joy to the world*, Sufjan Stevens

Call to worship – Pastor Kate

One: This year, we dreamed of world peace.

Two: We dreamed of deep breaths and restful sleep.

One: We dreamed of love that lasts and suffering that passes.

Two: We dreamed of doors open wide and a cure to disease.

One: We dreamed, because to dream is to believe.

Two: For to dream is to hope; to dream is to see.

One: So make room in your being to dream yet again,

Two: Of a world without fear, and a God that draws near.

One: For it is almost Christmas.

Two: Love is almost here.

One: May we dream to see, and hope to believe. Let us worship Holy God

Candle Lighting Liturgy - The Christ Candle, read by Laura and Cedric

Five Lessons

(featuring music from Sally and Mark Minnich)

First Lesson

Genesis 1: 1-5 God creates the world out of nothing, proclaiming that the light was good.

Reader: Micah Tillman

Hymn HWB 318 *Joy to the world*

(recording courtesy of Mennonite Church British Columbia)

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 Isaiah portrays the peaceful kingdom that Christ will bring.

Reader: Elaine Mercer

Hymn HWB 212 *O come, all ye faithful*

(recording courtesy of Mennonite Church British Columbia)

Third Lesson

Luke 1:26–35; 38 The angel Gabriel visits Mary, announcing God’s plan for her to birth the Savior of the world.

Reader: Doug Yoder

Hymn HWB 197 *Angels we have heard on high*

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Fourth Lesson

Children’s book, *A Child Is Born* by Margaret Wise Brown

Reader: Krista Weidner

Away in a manger, rendition by Lauren Daigle

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2: 8-16 The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader: Carolyn Brubaker

Closing prayer – Pastor Kate

Virtual candle lighting with UMC singing *Silent Night*

Blessed Christmas to you all!



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