

**Community Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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Welcome to worship this Christmas Eve!

Our mission is to welcome all into a loving, progressive faith community,
knowing our actions reflect our Christian values:
to question and explore beliefs and assumptions,
to strive for peace and justice, and
to care actively for the earth, our community, and one another.

*We acknowledge that we stand on land stolen from Native and Indigenous people.
We are on Nimípuu land and we recognize that they were the first people here.*

*We acknowledge that we benefit from the prosperity of the United States,
which was built on the labor of enslaved people.*

If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please recycle it. Thanks.

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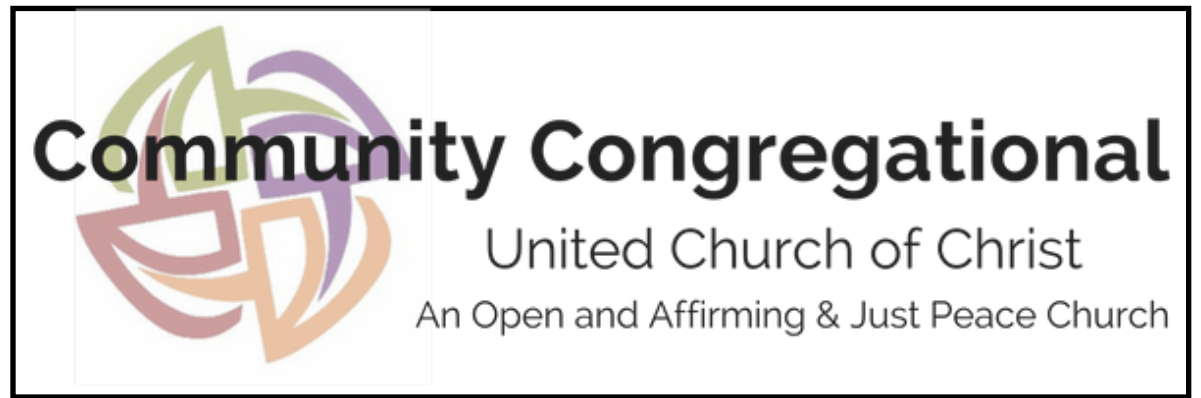
Leda Zakarison

Musicians: Jihyun Kim

Anjuli Dodhia

Diane Worthey

Ginny Hauser



December 24, 2023

5:00 pm



Christmas Eve 2023

Gathering Music

Prelude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Charles Wesley/Rowland Pritchard

Call to Worship *First Coming* Sandy Evenson
poem by Madeleine L'Engle

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sung Response

**Come, listen, the sounds of God-with-us ring clear,
And signs of a cross in the distance appear.
The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.
One candle is lit for the Christ-birth-day here.**

Ancient Witness Isaiah 11: 1-9 - The Peace of Christ is Foreshadowed

***Carol** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #116
v. 1, 2, 3

Ancient Witness Luke 2: 1-7 - They Came to Bethlehem

***Carol** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #133
v. 1, 2

Special Reading *Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem* Sandy Evenson
Maya Angelou

Special Music *Angels' Carol*
John Rutter

Ancient Witness Luke 2:8-16 - The Shepherds are Amazed

***Carol** *Angels We have Heard on High* #125
v. 1, 2, 3

Ancient Witness Matthew 2: 1-11 - The Wise Men

***Carol** *What Child is This?* # 148
v. 1, 2, 3

***Lighting of the Candles**

Ushers will light the candles of those at the pew ends. Please share the light with your neighbors. Candles may be extinguished following the benediction.

Ancient Witness John 1: 1-14 - The Word Made Flesh

***Carol** *Silent Night* #134

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

(Repeat First Verse)

***Benediction** *Christmas Always Comes At Night* Kristine Zakarison

Please join us for refreshments in Brewster Hall following the service.

*Please stand if you are able. † As an inclusive and open faith community, we attempt to convey gender inclusive images, terms, and language of God.