

Cordova Bay
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost
Christmas in July
July 21, 2024

Welcoming & Announcements

Gathering Hymns **God of all Places** (Voices United 4)

Words: David Haas

Music: David M. Young

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1. God of all places: present, unseen;
Voice in our silence, song in our midst.
We are your people, knowing, unsure.

Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

2. God of all dreaming, near and yet far.
Vision unheard of, wake us to rest.
We are your presence, sent forth afraid.

3. God of all people, dust and the clay.
Breath of a new wind, fire in our heart.
Light born of heaven, peace on the earth

Hope is a Star (Voices United 7)

Words: Brian Wren

Music: John Collier Fogg

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1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart

Lifting the Water (as folks come to light candle)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God of angels and shepherds,
we look for you among us.

**God of Love and Wonder,
this candlelight reminds us that you are here!**
(light the Christ candle)

Opening Hymn **Go, Tell it on the Mountain** (Voices United 43)

Words: John Wesley Work II 1907

Music: African American spiritual 19th century, arr. United Reformed Church (U.K.)

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*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Prayer

Response **Silent Night! Holy Night!** (Voices United 67)

Words: Joseph Mohr 1818, English trans. John Freeman Young 1863, et al.,
Music: Franz Xavier Grüber 1818

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Please Remain Seated

1 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.

2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

3 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.

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 2:7-16

Choral Response **Gentle Mary Laid Her Child** (46 Voices
United v2)

Words: Joseph Simpson Crook 1919

Music: Alta Lind Crook arr. Scott Wilkinson

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Angels sang about His birth;
Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth,
Glory all around Him:
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.

Reflection "Christmas ... Really?"

Hymn of the Day **When We Seek Language** (More Voices 49)

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2005; Music: Carl F. Schalk, 2006

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1 When we seek language to praise you, O God,
all we can utter seems stale, tame or odd.
Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find
phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
keener than insight, and stronger than death.

- 2 Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word,
living among us on earth, seen and heard,
teacher and healer whose promise came true,
dying and rising to make all things new:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
keener than insight, and stronger than death.

- 3 To be our guardian, supporter, and guide,
you sent your Spirit to stay by our side,
source of community, wellspring of prayer,
power to strengthen, and courage to dare:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath,
keener than insight, and stronger than death.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Hope is a Star** (Voices United 7 v4)

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4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart

Refrain:

When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

with 'Joy To the World'

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature
sing...*

(Hilde Speaks)

*Joy to the Earth! the Saviour reigns: let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods; rocks, hills and plains repeat the
sounding joy..*

(Hilde Speaks)

*Not more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the
ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow - far as the curse is
found...*

(Hilde Speaks)

*He rules the earth with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love...*

(Hilde Speaks)

Parting Hymn **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (Voices United 60 v 1-4)

Words: English trans. Frederick Oakeley 1841, et al;

Music: attrib. John Francis Wade ca. 1743

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- 2 God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- 4 See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Hilde J. Seal
Music Leader – Peggy Dayton
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Jocelyn Jones & Ruth Schulz
Scripture Reading – Guy Lockhorst
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Clare Walker
Technical Support – Sam Boehner & Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group