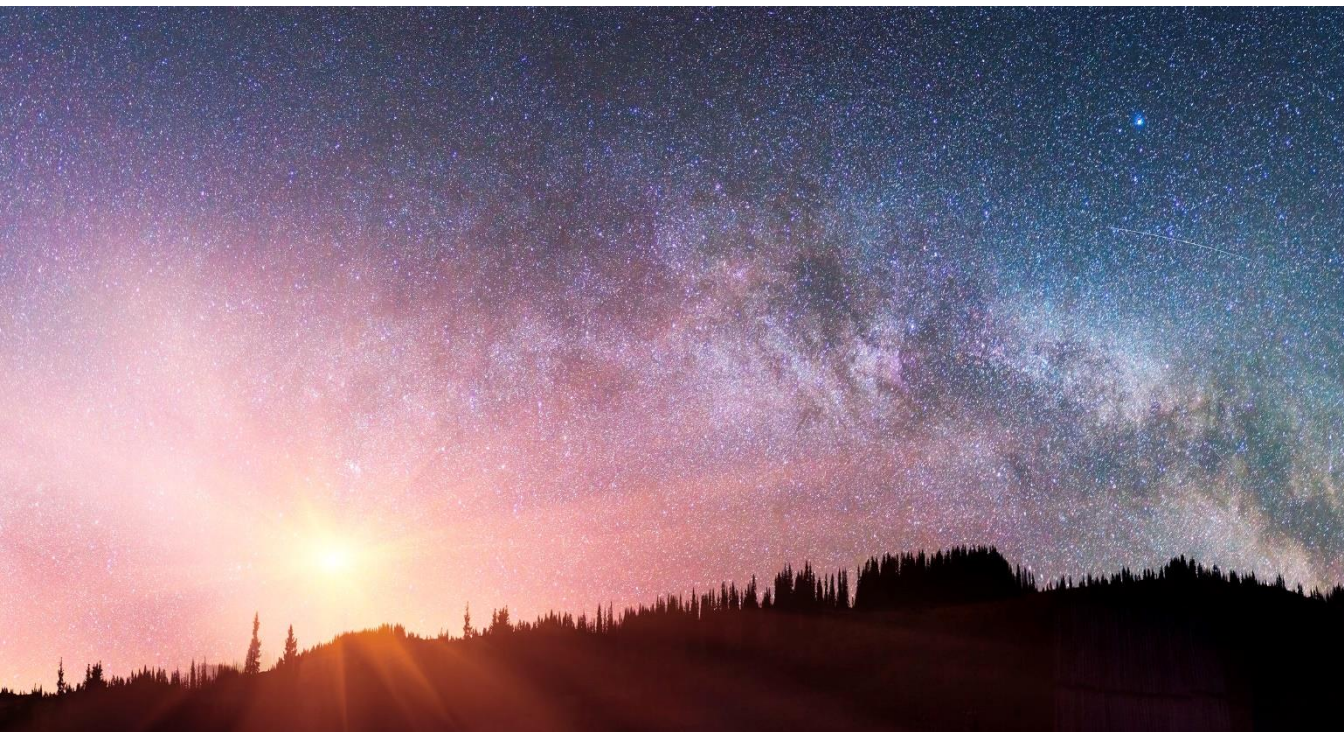


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“Now he has unfolded to us. . .



the full explanation of who God truly is!”

-John 1:18b from The Passion Translation

All My Heart Today Rejoices

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WARUM SOLLT' ICH 8.3.3.6 D

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Johann Georg Ebeling, 1666

1. All my heart to - day re - joic - es, As I hear,
 2. Hark! A voice from yon - der man - ger, Soft and sweet,
 3. Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; Here let all,

Far and near, Sweet - est an - gel voic - es:
 Does en - treat: "Flee from woe and dan - ger;
 Great and small, Kneel in awe and won - der;

"Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing, Till the air,
 Come and see; from all that grieves you You are freed;
 Love Him who with love is yearn - ing; Hail the star

Ev - ery - where, Now with joy is ring - ing.
 All you need I will sure - ly give you."
 That from far Bright with hope is burn - ing!

Centering Prayer (unison)

Carrie Datro

(Adapted from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/adventchristmas-liturgies-year-c>)

God of holy and sacred journeys – God of everyday happenings and mundane lives – May we never lose sight of your Star and always remember that your Light leads us to the Source of your love and justice in the world. Keep us from coming to you for solace and comfort only, but remind us to be beacons of your hope, channeling your Holy Starlight as we wait for the day when the world will be changed, we ask in the name of the One whom the Magi sought and found. O come, let us adore you right here in our world, O Christ, the Lord. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Divinum Mysterium

Plainsong

Ben Magruder, viola, and Lee Wright, piano

Gospel Reading

John 1:14-18

Carrie Datro

Meditation

“And playing the role of the innkeeper ...”

Rev. Swift

Hymn

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

(Music at end of bulletin)

Text: Ken Bible (1996)

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Rev. Swift

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit come! Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice
1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.

IN DULCI JUBILO

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Benediction

Rev. Swift

Postlude Bicinium on In Dulci Jubilo and Divinum Mysterium Lee Wright

Originating in the Renaissance, the term "bicinium" refers to a two part piece, focused on the relationship between two melodic lines. In this new piece based on ancient tunes, the only musical materials used are the two tunes themselves. They are played forward, backwards, and in fast and slow rhythms. There is a repeating ritornello (an instrumental refrain) that first occurs at the very beginning, with the viola playing "Divinum Mysterium" backwards. The violin then joins, playing "In Dulci Jubilo" backwards. This jaunty ritornello is repeated four times throughout the piece. The remaining sections place the tunes together in other permutations, creating a kaleidoscopic effect. The piece provides a variety of lenses with which to reflect back on these old melodies, or perhaps years past. May we enter into 2021 with new perspectives and renewed imagination as we unfold the beauty of our lives into this new year. -L.W.

Thank you to. . .

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Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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