

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the mountains quake.

Leader: Everything came into being through the Word. What came into being was life, and the life was the light for all people.

PEOPLE: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us to bring all people to the light.

PEOPLE: Let heaven and earth break forth into joyous song, singing praises to our God.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

PEOPLE: Christ, our Light, shines forth in glory. Christ, our Life, brings grace and truth. Let us worship on this Christmas Day. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* # 220

OPENING PRAYER (unison) God of endless peace, bless us with the great light of your love and grace as we worship you on this holy day. Grant us your peace and hope, as we sing your

glory and rejoice in the birth of your Son. In the precious name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 98 (response two) # 818

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9.2-7 (pg.638)

SINGING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS (verses one and two)
Away in a Manger # 217
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear # 218
What Child is This # 219
White Christmas (words on insert)

EPISTLE READING Titus 2.11-14 (pg.215)

SINGING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS (verses one and two)
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice # 224
O Little Town of Bethlehem # 230
Silent Night # 239
The Christmas Song (words on insert)

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.1-20 (pg. 58)

A CHRISTMAS STORY *A Christmas Present, Delayed*

SINGING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS (verses one and two)
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing # 240
Deck the Halls (words on insert)
There's a Song in the Air # 249
Silver Bells (words on insert)

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

A Christmas Prayer

The Lord's Prayer # 895

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

Go, Tell it On the Mountain # 251

*WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

PEOPLE: We will sing our praise to God.

Leader: Walk in the light of Christ.

PEOPLE: We share the joy of God's holy love.

Leader: Be messengers of hope and peace.

PEOPLE: We go forth proclaiming the good news.

Christ is born! Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION IN SONG *Joy to the World* (vs 1) # 246

*POSTLUDE



"...to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2.11

Today's Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Don Wile

Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor