



**Trinitarian Congregational Church  
Concord, Massachusetts  
Christmas Eve 2020  
Family Service 5:00 p.m.**

*...and best of all, the Christmas carols are true.*  
(Ernest Cadman Colwell, 1901-1974)

**MUSIC**

***People, Look East*** (Emily Roos)  
Music: a French carol (Besançon)

**WELCOME**

**CAROL**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** (Congregation and organ)  
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!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Music: John Francis Wade; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906  
Words: John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743), trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**CAROL**

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain*** (Congregation, The Lawsons, Cheryl Shea (voice) and Rebecca Pasley (bass))

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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

African-American spiritual, c. 19<sup>th</sup> c., alt. Verses: John W. Work, 1873—1925, alt.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY WITH CAROLS

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (Congregation and Molly Callahan)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fear of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Words: Phillips Brooks, 1868 Music: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

### **Away in a Manger** (Congregation with Bob and Sawyer Lawson)

Away in a Manger, no crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes.  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Words: *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885. Music: attr. James R. Murray, 1887

### **Angels We have Heard on High** (Congregation with Alden, Piper and Reilly Haring)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo

French carol, trans. by James Chadwick (1813-1882) arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

### **We Three Kings** (Congregation and Lucas Hickman)

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Words and Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.

### **Joy to the World** (Congregation and organ)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Music: attr. Georg Frederick. Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

### Call to Offering (Heidi Harring)

#### Music

#### **What Sweeter Music** (Alden, Piper and Reilly Harring)

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674). Music: John Rutter  
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## THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### Christmas Prayer and Passing of the Light

#### CAROL

#### **Silent Night** (Congregation with Sawyer and Bob Lawson)

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heav'nly peace, sleep in heav'nly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glorious streams from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly 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.

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

## BENEDICTION

#### MUSIC

#### **Silent Night** (Emily Roos)

*Grant O Lord, that what we have heard with our ears and sung with our lips,  
we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives.*

*For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

(Martin Luther, 1483-1546)

#### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Robert Brown, Senior Minister; Rev. Gail Miller, Minister for Congregational Life;  
Carrie O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministries; Victoria Wagner, Director of Music.

This year's Christmas offering will be sent to the Greater Boston Food Bank to further their goal of providing at least one nutritious meal a day for those in need. Each month they feed over 142,000 people in 190 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts, including *Open Table Pantry* in Maynard. Donations can be made through our website, [www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org).

We invite you to join us for online worship every **Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.** via zoom or Youtube. For more information about our church, please visit our website at [www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org), or call the church office at 978-369-4837. You can also reach us via email: [info@triconchurch.org](mailto:info@triconchurch.org).

***A Merry and Blessed Christmas to You!***