

## **V. A weary world REJOICES**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "O Holy Night"

Sung by Ally Hurd & Jon Bozeka

**SCRIPTURE:** John 1:1-5, 14

**CAROL:** Silent Night

- 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 alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior 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.*

### **BENEDICTION**

**DEPARTURE:** "Joy To The World"

Played by Jan Green

arr. D. E. Wagner

**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
**Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms**  
*Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

**December 24, 2020**

## ***A Weary World Rejoices***



**Artwork by Carter Stocker (7)**



**Artwork by Emmi Stocker (4)**

Dale & Cathy Ausperk's Grandchildren



**Artwork by Hannah Jones (11)**



**Artwork by Megan Jones (8)**

## Christmas Eve Service 2020

The Weary World Rejoices  
7:00pm MCCC Worship at the Windows

**Gathering:** “Waiting For Messiah”  
Played by Jan Green  
by R. W. Thygerson

### **Welcome**

Rev. Chad Delaney & Pastor Sarah Smith

## I. WAITING with Hope in a weary world...

**A Reading** (from the Iona Community)  
*Light the candle of hope*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 64:1-4

**Carol:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. *O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. *O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by  
thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and  
death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]*

3. *O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and  
mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world  
with heaven's peace. [Refrain]*

## II. PEACE comes to a weary world...

### **Litany of Peace**

One: Peace comes to a weary world

**ALL: when all feel the worth of every soul**

One: Peace comes to a weary world:

**ALL: for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn**

One: Let us light the Candle of Peace

**Carol:** O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. *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 fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

2. *How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.  
No ear may hear Christ coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.*

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-33

**Special Music:** “Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”  
Sung by Beth & Ellie Schabel  
*Song written by Amy Grant*

## III. JOY GROWS in a weary world...

### **Litany of Joy**

One: Joy grows in a weary world

**ALL: when we follow his law of love and  
Gospel of peace**

One: Joy grows in a weary world:

**ALL: the thrill of hope spreads across Creation.**

One: Let us light the candle of Joy

**Carol: Away in a Manger #147**

1. *Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.*

2. *The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

3. *Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.*

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7**

**CAROL: Joy to the World**

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

2. *Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains.  
Repeat the sounding joy...*

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

**IV. LOVE SPREADS in a weary world...**

**Litany of Love**

One: Love spreads in a weary world

**ALL: as we love one another just as he taught us**

One: Love spreads in a weary world:

**ALL: the chains will be broken and all  
oppression shall cease**

One: Let us light the Candle of Love

**CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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:*

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

2. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]*

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-20**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Silent Night/O Holy Night"**

Sung by Jon Secaur

*from Joe Giancola's musical The Nazarene*