

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, December 20, 2020, 10:30 AM**  
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Prelude Music  
**INVITATION TO WORSHIP;** Words and Music  
Wooden  
Music arranged by Eugenie Rocherolle  
Rev. Fred  
*“Joy to the World”*  
Adam Podd

**GATHERING**

Announcements  
Chalice Lighting  
*We kindle this flame, symbol of our faith, for the light of truth, the warmth of community, and the fire of love which calls us to work for justice.*  
Welcome  
Hymn  
Hayley Wynne, Faith Formation Assistance  
Rebecca Riggs, Worship Associate  
Singers: Jill Khaleghi, Jim Nielsen,  
Noell Hyman; Linda Horton, piano;  
Video Production by Izzy Hyman  
*“The First Noel”*

**OFFERING**

Offertory Words  
Rev. Fred Wooden

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Message  
Rev. Fred Wooden

**CENTERING**

Centering Hymn  
Pastoral Prayer/Meditation  
Special Music/Video  
Allen  
*“Within the Shining of a Star”*  
video by Emily Goldberg  
and Mark Daugherty  
Rev. Fred Wooden  
*“The Christmas Wish”*  
Music and lyrics by Danny  
Wheetman, Sung by Jim Nielsen  
and Kaia Mullarkey; Jim Nielsen, Guitar

**THEME**

Sermon  
*“Love, the Star”*  
Rev. Fred Wooden

**BLESSINGS ON OUR WAY**

Closing Hymn  
Performed by Lynn DeMuth,  
Jim Nielsen, Jillian Kong-Sivert,  
Hugh McCutcheon; Linda Horton Piano,  
Video production - Izzy Hyman  
*“People Look East”*

Benediction  
Extinguishing the Chalice (our usual words are below, to be read in unison):  
*Though we extinguish the chalice, our connection to each other and this community remains. May its light guide us this week as we walk the path of justice, speak words of love, and fill our world with compassion until we meet again.*  
Rev. Fred Wooden  
Rebecca Riggs

## SONG LYRICS

### **The First Noel**

Words; English Carol, Music: William Sandy; harmony, John Stainer

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far:  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from the country far;  
To seek a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

### **Within the Shinning of a Star**

Words: Robert S Lehman; Music: Betsy Jo Angebrannt

Within the shinning of a star,  
We Catch a glimpse of who we are:  
In every infant born we see  
The hope of our nativity.  
The miracle of each new birth  
Can shake and save the stony earth;  
Triumphantly the newborn's cry  
Strikes echoes from the waiting sky.

### **The Christmas Wish**

Written by Danny Allen Wheetman

I don't know if you believe in Christmas  
Or if you have presents underneath a Christmas tree  
But if you believe in love

That will be more than enough  
For you to come and celebrate with me  
For I have held the precious gift that love brings  
Even though I never saw a Christmas star  
I know there is a light I have felt it burn inside  
And I have seen it shining from afar  
Christmas is the time to come together  
A time to put all differences aside  
And I reach out my hand to the family of man  
To share the joy I feel at Christmas time  
For the truth that binds us all together  
I would like to say a simple prayer  
That at this special time you will have true peace of mind  
And joy to last throughout the coming year  
And if you believe in love  
That will be more than enough  
For peace to last throughout the coming year  
And peace will last throughout the year.

### **People Look East**

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Traditional French Carol, harmony by Martin Shaw. used by permission of Oxford University Press

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad.  
Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

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