



## GATHERING

PRELUDE

"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"

– arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME

Pastor

WE OPEN THE DOOR

Threshold Song

Lighting the Candle of Love

"Welcome to Our World"

GRN #3067, v. 2

Liturgist

HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

RED #217

All

PASSING THE PEACE

## Christmas Cantata Part 1: A Thrill of Hope

INTRODUCTION

Arvin Berner

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5: 2-5a (CEB)

Liturgist

THE WORD IN MUSIC

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

Chancel Choir

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

"The First Noel"

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

## Christmas Cantata Part 2: A Gift of Love

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55 (CEB)

Liturgist

THE WORD IN MUSIC

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Chancel Choir

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"Away in a Manager"

"The Gift of Love"

## Christmas Cantata Part 3: A Prayer for Peace

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:13-14 (CEB)

Liturgist

THE WORD IN MUSIC

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Chancel Choir

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

"O Holy Night"

## Christmas Cantata Part 4: A Song of Joy

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 15-20 (CEB)

Liturgist

THE WORD IN MUSIC

"Rejoice"

Chancel Choir

"Mary Had a Baby"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"Joy to the World!"

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

## RESPONDING

A TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor & All

HOUSING THE HOLY

A Story of Innkeeping

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

"Meditations at the Manger"

– by Arvin Berner

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

RED #184, v. 3

Liturgist

## SENDING FORTH

HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

RED #234

BENEDICTION

Pastor

RECESSIONAL

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

RED #204

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World!"

– arr. Jan Sanborn

## **“A THRILL OF HOPE”**

A Christmas musical by Joel Raney, with narrative text by Rich Davis

Chancel Choir Director & Conductor.....Arvin Berner  
Chancel Choir Accompanist.....Lisa Battista  
Narrator ..... Daren Williams  
Chancel Choir ..... Cathlin Davis, Kelsea Overstreet, Jen Ward,  
Folo Akintan, Judy Aprile, Gretchen Brown,  
Virginia Carder, Trudy Leachman, Linda Ray,  
Robby Cain, Adam Serpa, Russ Walker, Gary Bolhuis,  
Brett Houser, Tom Kewley, Ron Leachman, Carl Morris

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presiding .....Rev. Debra Brady  
Liturgist ..... Lynette Grandison  
Organ & Harpsichord.....Arvin Berner  
Piano .....Lisa Battista  
Song Leaders ..... Adam Serpa, Jen Ward  
Greeters..... Phyllis Craft, Martha Jones, Brenda Mooney, Joan Theaker  
Ushers .....Dick Shanks & Richard Stone (Head Ushers), Tom & Debra Buckles

## **MINISTRY STAFF**

Pastor .....Rev. Debra Brady  
Lay Leader ..... Will DeBoard  
Director of Music .....Arvin Berner  
Director of Communications ..... Barbara Tregua  
Executive Administrator.....Susan E. Martin  
Administrative Assistant ..... Krista Serpa  
Audio/Visual Technician..... Austin Buckles  
Worship Visuals Coordinator .....Morgan Martinez  
Tiny Tots Director .....Alexandria Candelario  
Central Valley District Superintendent..... Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga  
Bishop of the California-Nevada Conference..... Bishop Sandra Olewine

*The altar flowers today are in appreciation of all our volunteer musicians  
who offer their time and talents to enrich our praise and worship!*

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