

**DODGE CENTER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2023  
7:00 PM  
\*Stand as you are able**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

\*Centering Hymn UMH #219 (vs. 1-3)  
"What Child Is This"

\*Call to Worship Psalm 97:1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12

L: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

**P: His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

L: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

**P: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

L: Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.

**P: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.**

L: Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

**P: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name**

Children's Time

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

Luke 2:1-7

UMH #217 (all vs.)

"Away in a Manger"

Lisa and Kinley O'Neil on flute

Luke 2:8-14

UMH #238 (all vs.)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Luke 2:15-20

UMH #230 (all vs.)

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Luke 2:21-24

UMH #240 (all vs.)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon "*Hope Keeps Us Going*"

Nicene Creed UMH #880

\*UMH #229 (both vs.)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Prayer of the Day (In unison)

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen

\*Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Doxology UMH #95

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Candlelight Hymn UMH #239 (all vs.)

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Benediction

Postlude



**Welcome to all visitors, please sign our guest book before leaving.**

Pastor- Rev. Chad Christensen  
Secretary-Janet Bugarin

Pianist-Janet Bugarin  
Sound- Colin Lepp  
Lisa and Kinley O'Neil on flute

Pastor Chad will be on vacation tomorrow through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency, you may reach him at 507-517-4160.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



LUKE 2:19,51

Mary kept all these  
things, and pondered  
them in her heart.

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