

Wherever you are on faith's and life's journey, you are welcome here!

Gathering

Prelude *Now is Born the Divine Christ Child* by Fred Bock
Wizards in Winter by Paul O'Neill and Robert Kinkel
Siberian Sleigh Ride by Paul O'Neill
John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal
Kel Henderson

Welcome

Invitation to Worship

One: The world is decked out in seasonal splendor.

MANY: Garlands of green, bright fabrics, colorful lights, greeting cards from friends on display.

One: Yet today there's paper crumpled in a corner, dishes in the sink, candles set aside and bills unpaid.

MANY: The world is beginning to pick itself up after Christmas, and still there's so much left to do.

ALL: MAY THE MAYHEM OF THE MANGER BE OUR REMINDER THAT NO HOUSE IS PERFECT, NO CORNER TOO DARK TO LET IN THE LIGHT. GIVE US THE GIFT OF REST THIS CHRISTMAS WEEK, FOR WE ARE "ENOUGH".

Opening Song *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Chalice Hymnal 164
Tina Peterson, song leader

Considering

A Time for Our Younger Selves Robbie Arevalos

Special Music *Carol of the Bells* John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

Listening for the Word Luke 2:22-40; Galatians 4:4-7 Tina Peterson

The Word Today *An Elephant for Christmas Dinner* Rev. Alan Hilberg

Responding in Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Chalice Hymnal 144
Tina Peterson, song leader

Connecting

Invitation to Stewardship Mary Carden

We encourage online giving through churchofthefoothills.org, or place your offering in baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship. Pledges and contributions may also be mailed to the church office at 19211 Dodge Ave.

Prayer of Gratitude Mary Carden

Morning Prayers Kel Henderson

Unison Epiphany Lord's Prayer

Bright Star in the night sky, shine!

Shine below as above. Shine within and beyond,

bringing bread to those who spend their days in hard living,
and freedom to those who can't find their way to forgiving.

Shine even when darkness seeks to hide your brilliance.

Shine! You are resplendently bright! Stay with us dusk to dawn,
and breakthrough in our darkest hour, bringing light. Amen.

Song of Going Forth *Joy to the World* Chalice Hymnal 143
Tina Peterson, song leader

Opportunities to Love and Serve Kel Henderson

Blessing Rev. Alan Hilberg

Congregational Response Tina Peterson, song leader

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angel wings; I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude *The Light of the World is Jesus* by Philip P. Bliss
John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

Be God's Beloved Community in the World!

Opportunities to Love and Serve

December

Friday, Dec 31, 6-9 PM *Watchnight Gathering* **CANCELLED**

January

Sunday, January 16, 3:00 PM Chapman University Singers
A Concert free to the community – Invite Friends!



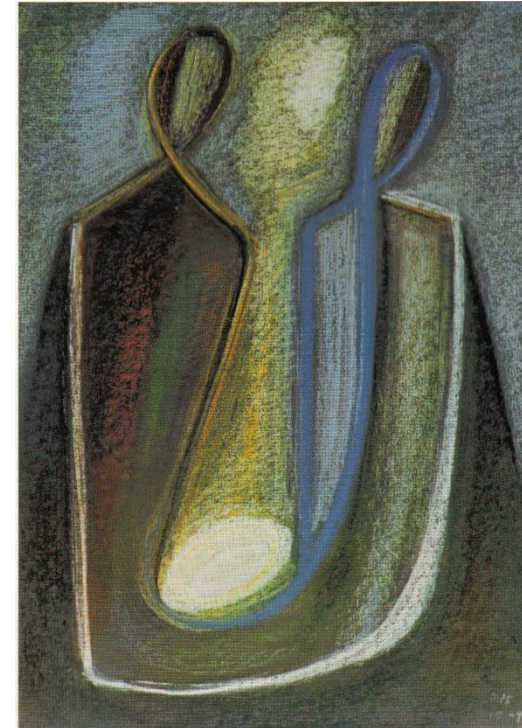
Masks and proof of vaccination or recent negative result of COVID test required.

Sunday, January 23, Transition Team invites you to Circle Conversations following worship.

Sunday, January 30, Rev. Dr. Duane Day, guest speaker



Please take your poinsettias with you today following this service.



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10 AM

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