

**Kasson**  
**United Methodist Churches**  
December 24, 2020  
*Christmas Eve Service*

**Prelude**

**Carol** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" UMH #218

1. It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."  
The World in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient spendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

**Advent Reading:** "Christmas" UMH #231

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

**Apostle's Creed** UMH # 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The  
third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and  
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and  
the life everlasting. Amen

**Scripture** Matthew 1:18-25  
Luke 2:1-15

**Sermon:** "Christmas Eve" Pastor Jacob Hanson

**The Lord's Prayer** UMH # 895

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and  
the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn** "Silent Night" UMH #239

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.
4. Silent night, holy night! wondrous star, lend thy light  
with the angels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

**Closing Prayer and Benediction: Number 6:24-26**

**Postlude**

