

Cross Roads UMC-10am Service
Sunday, December 26, 2021
1st Sunday after Christmas

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: We who knelt in the stable—

People: Let us come and kneel in the temple!

Leader: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

People: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!

Leader: O children, enter the house of the Lord!

People: Enter God's presence, and be reborn!

Opening Prayer (in unison):

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

Song of Praise: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Chorus:

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Repeat Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:

Repeat Chorus

Children's Moment: Martha Gill

Song: What Child Is This?

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard
and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Repeat Chorus

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Repeat Chorus

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52 NRSV

¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be

in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**Message through Song:
A Christmas Hymn Sing and Special Music**

A Time of Giving with Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen.

Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn: Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Chorus:**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,

behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Repeat Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth.

Repeat Chorus

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn

Repeat Chorus

The Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace.
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude