

*Lacey United Methodist Church*  
*2020 Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 P.M.*

**Prelude** **Dawn Slate**

**Welcome**

**Hymn ~ #234 Vs. 1,2&3** **O Come All Ye Faithful**

**Opening Prayer**

God, who are the Most High Lord of all,  
you have a surprising preference  
for people who are small and humble  
and who expect everything from you.  
You chose Mary, the unassuming virgin from Nazareth,  
to become the mother of your Son Jesus.

Through your Holy Spirit  
make us aware of the poverty of our hearts,  
that we may be open to you and welcome you,  
be ready, like Mary, to serve you and your plans,  
and expect everything from you.  
Come to us and give yourself to us  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Christmas Wreath Lighting** **Bill & Donna Jones**

**Praise Song ~ A Christmas Alleluia, by Chris Tomlin**

**Scripture: Luke 2:1-16** **Rich Rosfjord**

**Praise Song ~ Mary Did You Know?**

**Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11** **Luke Kern**

**Message: "Unwrapping Christmas"**

**Praise Song ~ Do You Hear What I Hear?**

**Christmas Offering Prayer**

Lord God, thank you for giving him to us in order to save us  
from ourselves and our circumstances.  
Thank you for setting the stage with a beautiful baby.  
Thank you for opening our hearts so that our minds would  
be more receptive to your desires for your people. May the  
selfish child within each of us find you, your Son's example,  
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit so that from this day  
forward we forever remember and offer gratitude for this  
Child, a gift we could never afford to pay back. Amen.

**Hymn ~ I Wander As I Wonder**  
**Sherry Exel & Cynthia Pedemonti**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Scripture: John 1:1-5** **Isabella Wioland**

**Candle Lighting**

**Carol ~ #239 Silent Night** **Fred Weidemann**

**Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude ~ Joy To The World** **Dawn Slate**

*May you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas,  
filled with Christ's Hope, Joy, Peace and Love!*

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**O Come All Ye Faithful #234 Vs. 1,2&3**

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant  
Oh come Ye, oh come Ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God of True God, light from light eternal  
Lo, he shuns not the virgins womb.  
Son of the Father, begotten not created.  
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.  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Oh Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**A Christmas Alleluia, Chris Tomlin**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Savior of the world,  
He has come.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Highest Name of ALL  
Alleluia.

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The heavens roar, the angels sing  
All glory to our God and King  
O night divine, forever more, Alleluia.

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All glory to our God and King  
O night divine, forever more Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ the Savior of the world,  
He has come.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Highest Name of all,  
Alleluia.

You're the Highest Name of all, Alleluia.

**Mary Did You Know?**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered  
Will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would calm the storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby,  
You kissed the Face of God?  
Oh Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear,  
The dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
The praises of the lamb?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Is Lord of all Creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Is Heaven's perfect Lamb?  
And the sleeping child you're holding  
Is the Great....I .....Am?

Mary did you know?

### **Do You Hear What I Hear?**

Said the night wind to the little lamb  
Do you see what I see  
Way up in the sky little lamb  
Do you see what I see  
A star, a star  
Dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite  
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear  
(Do you hear what I hear)  
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear  
(Do you hear what I hear)  
A song, a song  
High above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea  
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king  
Do you know what I know  
In your palace wall mighty king  
Do you know what I know  
(Do you know what I know)  
A child, a child  
Shivers in the cold  
Let us bring him silver and gold  
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere  
Listen to what I say  
(Listen to what I say)  
Pray for peace people everywhere  
Listen to what I say  
(Listen to what I say)  
The child, the child  
Sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light

### **I Wonder as I Wander**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die,  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all;  
But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die,  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

### **Silent Night**

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.

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake, at the sight.  
Glories stream from Heave afar  
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia"  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, loves pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent Night, Holy night  
Wondrous star, send thy light.  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ, the Savior is born.

### **Joy to the World #240**

Joy to the World, the Lord is come,  
Let Earth receive her King.  
Let every heart, prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven,  
And nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love  
And wonders, wonders of his love.