

Lacey United Methodist Church
2021 Christmas Eve Service ~10PM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Eric De La Cruz

God of birth, God of light,
in this time of song and prayer and silence,
reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.

As we hear again the story of a young family and a surprising
visitor, **remind us that we are called to respond to you in
unexpected ways.**

And when we leave this place,
**may we be willing to sing praises
for a young woman and man who said YES
and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.**

We pray all this in the name of the child and of our savior.
Amen.

***Hymn** **O Come, All Ye Faithful** *UMH 234 vs. 1&6*

First Lesson ~ Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19, 22:15-18

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***Hymn** **Emmanuel, Emmanuel** *UMH 204*

Second Lesson ~ Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 **Dawn Marie Kuch**

Christmas Wreath Lighting

Rose Coram & Cynthia Pedemonti

***Hymn** **Advent Song** *FWS 2090 vs. 5*

Third Lesson ~ Luke 1:26-35 **Betty Carhart**

Hymn **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** *UMH 240 vs. 1&3*

Fourth Lesson ~ Luke 2:1-16 **Sally Potter**

Message: "The Faith Found at the Manger" **J. Campbell**

Anthem **A Cradle, Cross, and Crown**
Offered by Sherry Exel and Cynthia Pedemonti

Fifth Lesson ~ Matthew 2:1-11 **Rich Rosfjord**

Christmas Offering Prayer

Holy God, as we gather this evening, all our attention is
focused on a baby, lying in a makeshift bed in an "it-will-
have-to-do" stable. It's not lost on us that you sent your
Son, our Savior, into the world among the poorest of the
poor and told us: "This will be a sign to you." As we
present gifts to you, we pray that they might reach those
in the greatest need, that they might lift those in the
deepest despair, and that they might bring peace and
compassion to those who find themselves amidst conflict.
**We pray this in the name of that Holy Child, Jesus the
Christ, our Savior and Redeemer! Amen.**

*Please leave your Christmas Offering in the manager as you
exit the front doors of the church to bring Joy to the World.*

***Christmas Offering Carol**

Joseph's Lullaby

Prayer of Confession

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Holy God, you promised to do great things for us,
yet we do not trust you.

You extend your mercy to us, yet we do not trust you.

You lift up the humble, you fill the hungry with good things,
and yet we still do not trust you.

Forgive us, and help us to trust in the promises you have given
us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession and Reflection)

Words of Assurance

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Even now—yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us,
bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely
offered gifts to us. May we open our hearts to the God who is
with us, and receive the gifts which have been offered to us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Music Offered by Betty Carhart

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Please remain seated while the ushers bring the communion
elements to you.*

Sixth Lesson ~ John 1:1-14

Diane Collins

Candle Lighting

The ushers will light the candle of the individual at the end of the row, please light the candle of the person next to you, as you share the light of Christ.

Hymn

Silent Night UMH 239

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Joy to the World UMH 246 vs. 1&4

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