No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome.
Dec 26th 2021
Deb Bluestone, Guest Violist

PRELUDE: .................................................................................................................................

“ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING”

arr by Linda R Lamb
Nena-Joy Almodovar, Hammer Dulcimer; Michelle Sault, Keyboard

WELCOME ............................................................................................................................................

HYMN ................................................................................................................................................
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“Joy to the World”

Verses 1,2,3

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth its praises bring;
Let every heart prepare Christ room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 Christ rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of God's righteousness
and wonders of God's love,
and wonders, wonders of God's love.

GREETING OF OUR GUESTS

OPENING REFLECTION

“Linus and Lucy”
By Vince Guaraldi
Deb Bluestone & Dorenda Morse
JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3: 12-17
Reader Don Newman

CHILDRENS TIME

*HYNM SING

Pick your favorite Hymn

SERMON
PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS
Our Father, Our Mother,
Who is in Heaven, Holy be Your name,
Your Kin(g)dom come, Your will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For yours is the Kin(g)dom and the Power and the glory,
Now and forever, Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“We Three Kings”

By John Henry Hopkins Jr

Arr by Patti Drennan
DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus, What a wonderful Child”

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
new life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!
LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY ................................. Rev. Sarah TevisTownes

MOMENT FOR HOSPITALITY ........................................................................

CLOSING REFLECTION ..............................................................................

“Il est ne le divin enfant”

Traditional French & Jingle Bells Traditional

arr by Jack Thompson

Deb Bluestone & Dorenda Morse

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ........................................................................................................

“Good King Wenceslas”

Dick Goins, Organ

As you depart, please greet one another with the spirit of Christ’s love. We welcome you to join us for a Hospitality “To Go” snack on your way out.
Thank you so much to all of you who donated throughout this holiday season for the following

- Family Promise Giving Tree
- Zia Pueblo Christmas
- Veterans of the Cross
- Staff Christmas Fund

We will be collecting for Veterans of the Cross & the Staff Christmas Fund until Jan 16th.

Family Promise & Zia Pueblo are ongoing
Prayer Requests

Kay Main by Kennette Weatherford
- for Healing
Bryan by Pastor Sarah
- for Health
Susan Olson by Roberta Glaser
- Healing/Grief
Ryan by Gail Chynoweth
Prayer Requests
Thank you for joining us in worship today!

We are delighted to have you worshiping with us today!

Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC is a dynamic congregation with a rich history and an exciting ministry in the community.

Our church is a part of a blend of four major Protestant denominations that united together in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ.

We claim the early Pilgrim and Puritan settlers of this country as part of our heritage, and celebrate the words of Pastor John Robinson, who in his farewell remarks to the Pilgrims as they were leaving for the “new world,” said,

“There is still more light and truth to break forth from God’s holy word.”

We are a church that:

- Takes the Bible seriously, but not literally.
- Worships God with joyful hearts and open minds.
- Includes children in the life and ministry of the church.
- Celebrates creativity and the arts.
- Seeks to be inclusive of ALL people.
- Believes that growth in wisdom and understanding happens at all stages of life.
- Is committed to work for justice for all people and for the environment.
- Cares for one another, laughs easily, and rests in God’s love.

Vision Statement

Church of the Good Shepherd desires to be an inclusive community that shares Divine love as a path to peace and justice in the world.

Mission Statement

The mission of Church of the Good Shepherd is to build a just world through community one life at a time.

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