



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude** Women: *Carol of the Bells in Ukrainian/ Men: Chimes*

### Gathering

**\*Introit:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220 x1

### **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

The fourth candle on the Advent Wreath we light is the Candle of Love. It is the love found in our passion to be a compassionate church, year in and year out. In sharing our love, we fulfill God's call to be Christ's disciple. It is abundant love that challenges us to imagine a better place and a better way to care for all of creation, including ourselves. We choose love to overcome hatred and infuse humanity with kindness. Take heart for indeed for God is love.

**Holy and patient God, fill us with a yearning to live  
out our desire to be the Love our world so needs.  
Our Love is in you. Come Jesus, come.**

**\*Hymn:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220  
*with Hope, Peace, Joy, Love*

### **Recognition of the Land**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

## Nativity, Lessons and Carols

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:3-5

### **Nativity Scene #1**

**\*Hymn:** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" VU #18

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-35 *Mary is visited by an Angel*

### **Nativity Scene #2**

**Anthem:** She Walked in Summer

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-7 *Jesus' birth*

### **Nativity Scene #3**

**Special Music:** Silent Night VU #67

vs.1,2,3 Cupido, Rachel, Doug, Choir/Congregation joins last time vs. 1

**Scripture:** Luke 2:8-14 *Angels proclaim*

### **Nativity Scene #4**

**\*Hymn:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" VU #38

vs.1 Youth, vs.3 Choir (French), vs. 4 Congregation

**Scripture:** Luke 2:15-20 *Shepherds hear and go*

### **Nativity Scene #5**

**Anthem:** Sheep Fast Asleep  
(sung in Japanese and English)

**Scripture:** Luke 2:21 *Jesus is named*

### **Nativity Scene #6**

**Anthem:** Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

*Lloyd Larson (African Spiritual)*

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12 *Wisemen see Herod and Child*

### **Nativity Scene #7**

**Hymn:** "Huron Carol" VU #71  
(Native American lyrics)

**Scripture:** Luke 2:22, 25-32 *Simeon blesses Jesus*

### **Nativity Scene #8**

**Hymn:** A Light is Gleaming VU #82

Refrain Youth with Choir, vs. 1,2,3 Choir, vs.4 Congregation joins

**Message:**                    **What are you saying?**    *Rev. Don Sellsted*

**Celebrating**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**\*Offertory:**            “In the Bleak Midwinter”            VU #55 vs.4

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn:**            “Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope”            MV #33

**\*Commissioning**

**\*Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\*Hymn:**            “Amen”            VU #967