



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 10th, 2023, 10:00 am
3rd Sunday in Advent

Pageant

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Introit:** "Come, Lord Jesus, Come" *J. Raney*
Offered by OVUC Choir, to be joined by Congregation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Second Candle of Advent:

Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming of Jesus.

Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming of Jesus.

Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming of Jesus.

Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming of Jesus.

Lighting the Candle of Joy

***Hymn:** "Hope is a Star" VU #7 vs.3

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

In drama and dress-up,
the ancient story comes to life.

Mary and Joseph receive divine messages and travel to Bethlehem.

Shepherds leave their flocks at night.

Wise Magi follow a star.

Let us journey to the manger in heart and mind.

May imagination, faith, and joy be our guide.

And may peace be upon us all.

Let us worship!

***Hymn:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" VU #35

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer VU #910

Listening

The Voyager's Pageant:

The Completely Miraculous First Chrismukkah

Written by: Nancy Denton-Peck

Adapted by: Ari Snyder

Starring: Guests from the Town of Bethlehem
& The Voyager Players

***Congregational Hymns sung during the play:**

* "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" VU #48

* "Away in a Manger" VU #69

* "O Come, All Ye Faithful" VU #60

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" VU #55 vs. 4

Offertory Prayer:

**Holy God, we bring these gifts to you, thankful for all
the ways you have healed and enriched our lives. May**

**these gifts be used in service to which we have been
called in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

*** Closing Hymn:** "Joy to the World" VU #59

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

May God's love increase our love for one another;
May Jesus teach us how to live in God's ways;
and may the Spirit strengthen our hearts,
as you ready yourselves for Jesus' birth once again.
We go in hope, peace and joy to love and serve, this day, and
everyday.
And the people said... **Amen!**

*** Benediction Hymn:** "Amen" VU #967

Postlude

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~ Mary Craig ~
from a Friend**

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