

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10 a.m.

December 27, 2020

** indicates "stand if you are able."*

Introit "Look Who Just Checked In" *Words & Music by Stephen Hill*
CUMC Children and Adult Choir *Daryl Williams*
arr. Mike Speck and Cliff Duren

O little town of Bethlehem still we see thee lie.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

(Refrain)

Look who just checked in, into the barn, into the world,
into the hearts of the boys and girls.
Never been a baby quite like Him; Look who just checked in.

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

(Refrain)

O little town of Bethlehem. (Look who just checked in.)
The shepherds and the wise men.
(Look who just checked in.)
Go tell it on the mountain. Jesus just checked in!

(Refrain)

He's the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings;
The Lord of the universe and every living thing.
Son of God since time began.
Now He's come to Bethlehem, Bethlehem!

(Refrain)

O little town of Bethlehem, look who just checked in!
Check out who just checked in.

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Pastor Jane**

All: And also with you. Kim

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN "Joy to the World" Verses 1,2,4 UMH #246

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER **Kim**

One: Praise the Lord from the highest heaven.

All: The sun and moon, and all the stars in sky, sing praises to our God.

One: Praise the Lord from the deepest valley. **Tim**

All: The mountains and hills and all the trees in the forest, worship the Lord on high.

One: Praise the Lord from heart filled with song.

All: The old and young, and all the saints of God, sing with songs of joy.

One: Come! Let us worship the ruler of heaven and earth.

And together let us pray.

All: Light of the world, shine in our lives this day. As we gather to worship you this day, give us the eyes of Simeon and the faith of Anna, that we may see the promise of our salvation. As we come before you with hope and expectation, give us the spirit of your Son, that we too may grow in strength and increase in wisdom. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

*HYMN "Change My Heart, O God" (2X) TFWS #2152

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Kim**

Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God. Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE PSALM READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3 **Kim**

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40 **Kim**

One: The Word of God for the people of God **Kim**

All: Thanks be to God. Tim

SERMON "What Do We See?" Rev. Jane Kim

*Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH#230

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION **Kim**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. (From UMH page 7)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Kim**

Merciful God, we yearn to turn to you, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and increase in your grace. We long to crawl into your loving arms, and your never-failing acceptance. Strengthen the roots of our hope and faith, that we may be heirs of your promise all the days of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE **Pastor Jane**

Christ has clothes us in with the garments of salvation. Christ has covered us with the robes of righteousness and the garb of holy love. As children of the living God, adopted into Christ's family of faith, let us rejoice in our glorious inheritance.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen. Kim and Tim

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison) **Kim**

