



DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES
LIBERTY POLE, NEW HOPE, AND RETREAT
United Methodist Church

Christmastide
December 27, 2020



Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.

So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene. ~Matthew 2:22-23

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World*

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IN PERSON WORSHIP IS PAUSED

Please send offerings and tithes to Retreat, c/o Jodi Waddell, S6908 Missel Rd, De Soto 54624
Liberty Pole, c/o Bill Marohl, S3784 Bakkon Rd, Viroqua, WI 54665
New Hope UMC, c/o Gloria Warmuth, E812 County UU, De Soto 54624

Online worship is available at

<http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/lpnhr/>

*You can also access on our You Tube channel – Driftless Ministries
and on the church facebook pages: New Hope and Retreat UMC, and Liberty Pole UMC*

**Worship service is broadcast on Vernon Communications channel 15. Look for Retreat UMC:
Monday 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 4:30 a.m. & 11:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Thursday 1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m., Saturday 3:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. Sunday 5:30 p.m.**

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PRELUDE

Janna Thew

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

Debbie Groves, Liturgist

L: God is Good **P: All the Time**

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

Christ was born to bring peace, joy, hope, and love to the world.

What do we see in Christ?

HYMN #237 UMH

Sing We Now of Christmas

OPENING PRAYER

Light of the world, shine in our lives this day.

**As we gather to worship you this day, give us faith
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.**

OUR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Twelve Days of Christmas

HYMN #216 UMH

Lo How A Rose E're Blooming

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

MESSAGE

Bishop Hee Soo Jung

HYMN #224

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts of Christmas that bless us throughout the year.

**As we offer you our offering in gratitude and praise, we dedicate our labor, our industry,
and our lives to the building of your kingdom.**

May our gifts go forth to a world in need, as signs of your redemption and your hope.

May we shine with your glory, that others may discover your saving love.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #249 UMH

There's A Song In the Air

CLOSING BLESSING

We go in peace, for we have seen the salvation of our God.

We go with joy, for Christ has clothed us with love.

We go in hope, for the Spirit shows us our glorious inheritance in the Lord.

We go with God.

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #251 UMH *Go Tell It On The Mountain (chorus)*

ON THE CALENDAR

Anytime on facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine

Wednesday NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope

**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY – five week book study on The Post Pandemic Church.
Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:30 on Zoom. Starts January 5**

PRAYERS

The United Methodist Church, our military home and abroad, our nation and her leaders, peace in our world, the ministry of the Driftless Region.

- *Retreat: Lawrence Bishop, Ron Hanson, Marla Withey*
- *Liberty Pole: Jeff Matson*
- *New Hope: Gloria Warmuth, Mae Ames, Marion Whitney, Carol Snitker*

The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me

Twelve drummers drumming

Eleven pipers piping

Ten lords a-leaping

Nine ladies dancing

Eight maids a-milking

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

Sing We Now of Christmas

1. Sing we now of Christmas
Noël, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises
To the babe so dear

Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël!
Sing we now of Christmas,
sing we now Noël!

2. Angels called to shepherds
"Leave your flocks at rest
Journey forth to Bethlehem
Find the child so blest."

3. In Bethlehem they found him
Joseph and Mary mild
Seated by the manger
Watching the holy child

4. From the eastern country
came the kings afar,
bearing gifts to Bethlehem
guided by a star.

5. Gold and myrrh they took there,
gifts of greatest price.
There was never a stable
So like paradise.

Lo How A Rose E're Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to us a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us
And share our every load

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

There's A Song In the Air

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain.
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain.
That Jesus Christ is born