

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship 10 a.m.

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Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need.

January 9, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Stan

Call to Worship: Stan

To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight,
Or a grain of sand.

**To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow
Of a cloud.**

To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to
A strain of music.

**To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm
To the still small voice within.**

Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.

Opening Songs: VT #250 The First Noel, the Angel Did Say, verses 1,4,5
VT #265 Angels, from the Realms of Glory, verses 1,3,4

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 Name

Sermon: Type Name

Song of Response: VT #277 As with Gladness, verses 1,2,3

Sharing Joys and Concerns: Stan

Congregational Prayer: Stan

Call to Intercession

We pray to you, Lord;
our prayer rises with the sun.

At dawn we plead our case and watch for you.

God of our salvation, all our longing is known to you,
our sighing is not hidden from you.

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You remind us not to be afraid. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You gather the outcast and change their shame into praise.

We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You renew your people in your love. We pray for the church in all places,
that we may daily follow in the footsteps of Christ.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You break the rod of the oppressor. We pray for the world,
for those in positions of power and authority.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of breaking dawn, you dance the earth into day.

Grant us that awareness of forgiveness

with which Zechariah ended his silence,

that we too might rejoice to proclaim the good news of your salvation.

We pray in the name of the Messiah who came to set us free:

Our Father... (using sins/those who sin against us)

Offering: Stan

Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees: Stan

Closing Song: VT #275 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, verses 1,2

Sending Blessing: Stan

Worship Leader: Stan

Worship Planner: Vivian

Pianist: Becky

Bulletin: Wanda Ressler

Zoom: Lee

THE FIRST NOEL, THE ANGEL DID SAY VT #250

THE FIRST NOEL THE ANGEL DID SAY

WAS TO CERTAIN POOR SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS AS THEY LAY—

IN FIELDS WHERE THEY LAY KEEPING THEIR SHEEP,

ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT THAT WAS SO DEEP Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

THIS STAR DREW NIGH TO THE NORTHWEST,
O'RE BETHLEHEM IT TOOK ITS REST,
AND THERE IT DID BOTH STOP AND STAY,
RIGHT OVER THE PLACE WHERE JESUS LAY. Refrain

THEN ENTERED IN THOSE WISE MEN THREE,
FULL REVERENTLY UPON THE KNEE,
AND OFFERED THERE IN HIS PRESENCE,
THEIR GOLD AND MYRRH AND FRANKINCENSE. Refrain

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY VT #265

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY, WING YOUR FLIGHT O'ER ALL THE EARTH
AS YOU SANG CREATION'S STORY, NOW PROCLAIM MESSIAH'S BIRTH;
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEWBORN KING.

SAGES LEAVE YOUR CONTEMPLATIONS—BRIGHTER VISIONS BEAM AFAR.
SEEK THE GREAT DESIRE OF NATIONS, GUIDED BY HIS NATAL STAR;
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEWBORN KING.

SAINTS, BEFORE THE ALTAR BENDING, WATCHING LONG IN HOPE AND FEAR,
SHALL BEHOLD GOD'S LOVE UNENDING: CHRIST WILL ONCE AGAIN APPEAR;
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEWBORN KING.

AS WITH GLADNESS VT #277

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD DID THE GUIDING STAR BEHOLD,
AS WITH JOY THEY HAILED ITS LIGHT, LEADING ONWARD, BEAMING BRIGHT;
SO, MOST GRACIOUS GOD, MAY WE EVERMORE BE LED TO THEE.

AS WITH JOYFUL STEPS THE SPED, SAVIOR, TO THY LOWLY BED,
THERE TO BEND THE KNEE BEFORE THEE WHOM HEAVEN AND EARTH ADORE;
SO MAY WE WITH WILLING FEET EVER SEEK THEY MERCY SEAT.

AS THEY OFFERED GIFTS MOST RARE AT THY CRADLE RUDE AND BARE,
SO MAY WE WITH HOLY JOY, PURE AND FREE FROM SIN'S ALLOY,
ALL OUR COSTLIEST TREASURES BRING, CHRIST, TO THEE, OUR HEAVENLY KING.

O BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM VT #275

O BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM, SHINING AFAR THROUGH SHADOWS DIM,
GIVING A LIGHT FOR THOSE WHO LONG HAVE GONE, (HAVE GONE,)
AND GUIDING THE TRAV'LERS ON THEIR WAY UNTO THE PLACE WHERE JESUS LAY
BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM SHINE ON. (SHINE ON.)

Refrain:

Oh beautiful star (Beautiful, beautiful star) of Bethlehem, (star of Bethlehem,)
Shine upon us until the glory dawn; (glory dawn;)
Oh, give us your light to light the way into the land of perfect day;
Beautiful star of Bethlehem, shine on. (shine on.)

OH BEAUTIFUL STAR, THE HOPE OF LIGHT, GUIDING THE PILGRIM THROUGH THE NIGHT,

**OVER THE MOUNTAIN TILL THE BREAK OF DAWN; (THE DAWN;)
AND INTO THE LIGHT OF PERFECT DAY IT WILL GIVE OUT A LOVELY RAY;
BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM, SHINE ON. (SHINE ON.)**

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 32

General Offering: \$1,050

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Kate Widmer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, has extended her assignment with *Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard* (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a second term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.