

Zooming in
on Christmas



Newark United Methodist Church is a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open arms. We welcome and affirm you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, regardless of your race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, social or economic status, physical and mental ability, or religious affiliation.

We are all God's beloved children.



Thank you for worshiping
with us via livestream

- ♥ The parts of today's worship service to be spoken by the entire congregation are printed in **bold**.
- ✠ Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.
- ♥ You are invited to use the prelude and postlude time for prayer and reflections

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Newark United Methodist Church

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach
(Sleepers, Wake...)

CALL TO WORSHIP based upon Luke 1:46b

Advent has arrived. Are you ready?

God is a God who does out-of-the-blue things.

We come with hearts open to the unexpected.

Are you prepared?

God is a God of mercy and strength beyond compare,
scattering the proud and lifting the lowly.

Holy is God's name.

Are you set?

God is a God of life-transforming reversals.

My soul magnifies the Lord.

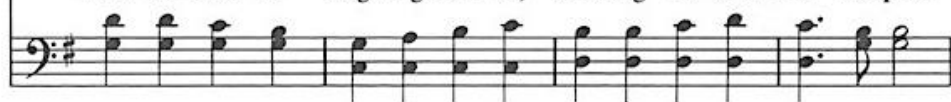
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



✠ **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**You know God, we are a people
who enjoy when things are routine, normal, settled,
and the last year has been anything but that.
We long for interactions with others in familiar ways
and grieve the loss of such things.
We aren't so sure we can handle
any more surprises or change.
And yet, here we come to a season
that promises to unsettle us,
a time when we are reminded
that you can and do come into our lives
in wondrous and transforming ways.
Free us from the fear that resides within us.
Open our hearts to receive with joy
your transforming light
that can overcome any darkness.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ **GLORIA**

No. 71

Tune: Creatorex

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Take a moment to write down the name of persons God places upon your heart to reach out to through a call, email, text or card this week.

ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT COMING INTO THE WORLD

VERSE 1 WITH REFRAIN THROUGH JOY



1. Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2. Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3. Long - ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. —
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. —
 3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. —
 4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. —
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. —

REFRAIN

Christ, be our light! Shine out through the dark, shine! —

Descant



Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, — be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. —

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

What song do you sing when you are happy?

How do you celebrate when something awesome happens?

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

*The Spirit of God has been present
in the reading and hearing of these words.*

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Zooming in on Christmas: Mary*
Rev. Dr. Mary Catherine Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MORNING 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.**

MISSION MOMENT

With Advent come several ways to share from the abundance of our lives with others in need. From gloves to Angel Tree gifts for children to nonperishable foods, there is a way for each of us to tangibly touch the lives of others this Advent and Christmastide. Check the weekly announcements, e-news and the December/January Parish Notes for more details.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As we transition to our time of offering, a time in which we make our love visible through the giving of our tithes and offerings, you are invited to make your offering using the online giving link found at newark-umc.org. A direct link can be found below. You may also mail your offering to the church office.

To support our ministries, please either mail your contribution to the church or use our convenient online giving option: <http://newark-umc.org/wp/online-giving/>

✦ OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. by Jared Haschek

Gabriela Salvador Riera, violin and Brett Izsa, piano

✦ DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD 100

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

**God of promises made and promises kept,
you have blessed us in ways too numerable to count.
Out of gratitude for the mercy you have shown us,
we make our offering today.
May it be used to lift up the lowly
and to fill the hungry with good things
all to your glory and honor. Amen.**

SENDING

✦ SONG

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel
One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel

Chorus

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2x

Let there be peace let it start in me

✠ BLESSING

May the God who surprised Mary and calmed her fears,
the same God who has been revealed
in her promised child, surprise you, calm you
and fill you with such awe and faith
that you might freely proclaim with joy
the wonders of our Lord.

POSTLUDE

Canon in C major

Robert Schumann

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

TO THE GLORY OF GOD...



*In memory of our sister, Mary Beth Read Huey
from Bud & Dorinda Read and Butch & Betsy Read*

THANK YOU

FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY...

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mary Catherine Miller
Liturgist	Ben Garrett
Organ	Paul Fleckenstein
Piano	Brett Izsa
Violin	Gabriela Salvador Riera
Guitar	John Clem
Cantor	Giovani Malcolm
Livestream	Sarah Jungling

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