

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 am Worship

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day Virtual Service

Prelude *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Opening

Carol: *"Joy to the World"*

Opening Prayer

God of us all, we come as your faithful to Bethlehem. We come to gather around the manger and see for ourselves this wondrous thing of which we have heard. We come to worship the baby, born to be king. Make us worthy to receive your gift of grace, O God. And let us go from this time a people renewed in our faith to give your gift of love and peace to each person we meet, as it was given to us so long ago. Come, let us worship the king! Amen.

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-20** The Birth of Jesus

Music Flute: *"Greensleeves"*

Scripture continues: The Angels

Carol: *"Angels We Have heard on High"*

Scripture continues: The Shepherds

Music Flute: *"Sussex Carol"*

Message

Music Flute: *"Ding Dong Merrily! He Is Born"*

Prayer

Carol: *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

Scripture: **John 1:1-14** A different Christmas narrative

Carol: *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

Benediction

Postlude: *"Carol of the Bells"*

Handbells: Norma Armstrong, Jan Boehm, Lee Difani, Pastor Lisa Hart, Matthew Hart, Barb Nichols, Scott Nichols, Ruth Notch

Flautist: Jennifer Adams