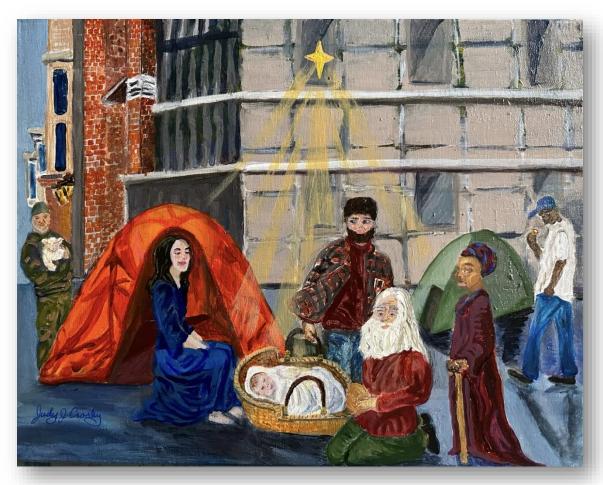


Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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Advent III: Make Room

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

GATHERING MUSIC

SIC "Noel Festival" arr. Lloyd Larson "Two French Carols" arr. Brant Adams "What Child Shall Come?" arr. Patrick M Liebergen "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" arr. Lloyd Larson Wendy Hagarty, trumpet; Ted Hagarty, clarinet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

"Christmas Gloria" Bell Choir Douglas E. Wagner

MAKE ROOM (Video)

- *PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
- No. 150

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES "Light of Hope"

Joel Raney (words adapted)

CHORAL INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: On this Advent journey we yearn for joy, a deeper expression of our faith in Christ
- All: For the Lord our God is with us now and forevermore.
- One: Advent beckons us to remember God's unconditional love
- All: For the Lord our God is with us now and forevermore.

heart to be still All: For the Lord our God is with us now and forevermore. One: This Advent season we choose joy, and prepare the way for the Lord All: For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore. LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE See screen PRAYER OF CONFESSION See screen ASSURANCE OF PARDON See screen CHILDREN'S MOMENT Chrismons Lydia Hoffman Children are invited to join our Minister of Children and Families, Lydia Hoffman, for Kids' Church. Kids' Church will meet until 12pm today for pageant practice. *HYMN "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 154, vs. 1-4, 6 SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55 Mark Horton SERMON "Make Room" Rev. Amelia Edson *HYMN "What Child Is This" No. 162 Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERTORY "Angels' Carol" John Rutter **Chancel Choir** You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC *DOXOLOGY No. 46 *BENEDICTION

One: Advent beckons us to remember God's invitation to the human

arr. Lloyd Larson

RECESSIONAL

"Joy to the World!" Wendy Hagarty, trumpet Please remain seated during the Recessional.

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We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphoric and ultimately incomplete.

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Thank you to our worship participants: Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson Minister of Music: Jan Stover Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman Ushers: Peggy Horton, Mark Horton Advent Candle Lighters: The McNeill Family Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais