

December 26, 2010

10:00 a.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

FIRST READING *Shall I Tell You Who Will Come* Spanish Carol

CAROL *Go Tell it on the Mountain* UMH #251 v. 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP**, *from the Taize community*

L: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, light eternal, king of glory, sun of justice, born of the virgin Mary:

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

L: Jesus, wonderful counselor, strong Lord, eternal God, prince of peace:

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

L: Jesus, most powerful, patient, obedient, gentle and humble of heart, loving all who are pure in heart:

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

L: Jesus, God of peace, source of life, pattern of holiness, friend of all, our God and our refuge:

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

L: Jesus, brother of the poor, treasure of the faithful, good shepherd, true light, inexhaustible wisdom, boundless love, our way and our life:

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

L: Jesus, joy of the angels, king of the patriarch, master of the apostles, teacher of the evangelists, strength of the martyrs, light of every witness to the truth, crown of all the saints:

P: Glory to you, O Lord!

***CAROL** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* UMH #251 v. 2&3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153*

Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot imitate your majesty, power and wonder; nor is it fitting for

us to try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries. Amen. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SECOND READING

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide Friedrich von Spee

CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH #238 v. 1&2

THIRD READING

O Savior of the Fallen Race 6th century hymn

CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH #238 v. 3&4

FOURTH READING *You Are Holy* Lucien Deiss

CAROL *What Child is This* UMH #219 v. 1&2

FIFTH READING

Let the Stable Still Astonish Leslie Leyland Fields

CAROL *Away in a Manger* UMH #217 v. 1

SIXTH READING *Carol* Thomas Merton

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH #230 v. 1

SEVENTH READING *Poverty Carol* traditional Welsh

CAROL *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221 v. 1&4

EIGHTH READING *On A Christmas Night* Langston Hughes

CAROL *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* UMH #218 v. 1&2

NINTH READING *Let Me Not Keep Christmas* Linda Felver

OFFERTORY

TENTH READING

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day traditional

ELEVENTH READING *I Know Nothing...* W.H. Auden

CAROL *There's a Song in the Air* UMH #249 v. 1&2

TWELFTH READING

I Have Lighted the Candles, Mary Kenneth Patchen

CAROL *There's a Song in the Air* UMH #249 v. 3&4

THIRTEENTH READING *It Is Not Over* Ann Weems

***CAROL** *Joy To the World* UMH #246

***CIRCLE OF LOVE**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *The Work of Christmas* Howard Thurman

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.