Order of Worship
December 13, 2020

Prelude O Little Town of Bethlehem
Sue Clark, handbells; Mary Combs, piano

Greeting Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Call to Worship Zach Clayton

Advent Candle Lighting Alice and Jack Arnold

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – UMH 196
Rheatta Petty, Sue Clark, Julia Rich, Karen Whiteaker

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Prayers of the People

Children's Sermon Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Scripture Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28 Zach Clayton

Sermon Those Who Dream Sow Joy Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offering

Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – UMH 218
Jeff Jeffrey; GR Davis, piano

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Holy Communion

Commission and Blessing

Postlude Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head David Wood