

Order of Worship
Matawan United Methodist Church
The Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2020

Liturgist: Lisa Riccardi

10:00 AM **Praise Preludes:** Beverly Karlovich,
Lisa Riccardi, Michael Pinnella

“Gather Us In”

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to You in the light of this day

Gather us in - the lost and forsaken
Gather us in - the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young - our lives are a myst'ry
We are the old who yearn for Your face
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is You
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven, light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever

Gather us in and make us Your own
Gather us in all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

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“Lord, You Have My Heart”

Lord, you have my heart
And I will search for yours
Jesus, take my life and lead me on
Lord, you have my heart
And I will search for yours
Let me be to you a sacrifice

**And I will praise you, Lord
And I will sing of love come down
And as you show your face
We'll see your glory here**

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“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

**So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days
O so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
*I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross*

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Call to Worship

L: The advent of Christ brings
the love of God's presence into our midst!

**P: We sing praises to God
for the salvation Christ brings to us!**

L: Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful
are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

**P: Love came down when God came down to us. God has
come to us in Christ to walk
with us in the paths of righteousness!**

**All: As we continue our preparations for Christmas,
may our celebrations
renew our faith and fill us with God's love. Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

1 Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

2 Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?

3 Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and others,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Opening Prayer:

Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels,
You promised to raise up a holy child who would
establish a household of peace and justice.
Open our hearts to receive Your Son, that we may open
our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers,
and establish Your household in our time. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: Pastor Nick

Proclamation of the Word

You can tap on the Scripture Readings
for the passage in BibleGateway.com

The Hebrew Scriptures: [2 Samuel 7:1-7, 11](#)

The Gospel: [Luke 1:26-38](#)

Sermon: “As Mary, So YOU”

Prayer Requests / Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving / The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

**In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus**

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. *Refrain*

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The Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us today!