



*the open door ~ praise & worship service
...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*

12.07.16 • 7:00 pm

welcome & announcements

visual reflection “Search” (ministrymatters.com/FollowTheStar)

lighting of the Advent candle of peace

As light dispels the darkness, as fire warms the cold, So the hope of Your dream, O God, leads us out of despair. *As You stepped into our world, Prince of Peace, proclaiming the dream of a world of shalom, So, we commit again to be people of peace whose lives proclaim Your dream. Amen.*

song “Come unto Me”

song “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

bible reading “Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19” (mashup of MSG, CEB;
“Opening to You: Zen-Inspired translation of the Psalms” by Norman Fisher)

¹⁻⁸ Give the gift of wise rule to the king, O God,
the gift of just rule to the crown prince. **[MSG]**

^[2] So that people can see uprightness before them
And the downtrodden can be raised up in justice **[Fisher]**

^{3.} Let the mountains bring peace to the people;
let the hills bring righteousness. **[CEB]**

^[4-5] Please stand up for the poor,
help the children of the needy,
come down hard on the cruel tyrants.
Outlast the sun, outlive the moon—
age after age after age. **[MSG]**

^[6-7] Let power be for refreshment
Like rain upon mown grasses
Like showers on the open earth
Let it cause uprightness to grow lush

[18-19]

Let it make peace spring up in abundance

Till the moon falls out of the sky

For you are blessedness

You who give strength to the struggles

Who answer the questioners

Who alone animate wonder

Your unsayable name is glorious

It fills the world to the brim with its brightness. **[Fisher]**

The Word of God to the people of God! **Thanks be to God!**

children's moment

reflection

presentation of the offerings

welcome of new members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

communion

prayer after receiving

"Blessing for Waking"

[from *Circle of Grace* by Jan Richardson]

song

"God of Wonders"

dance party with Jesus

"Miracle in my Heart"

benediction & passing the peace

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