



**NEW MILFORD
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

New Milford UMC – Sunday 6 December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent – Love



You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song "There's A Song in the Air" (UMH No. 249)

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
(*The United Methodist Hymnal*. No. 249. Words by Joseph G. Holland. 1874 Used by permission.)

✝ Call To Worship ("Good Christian Friends Rejoice")

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

**Give ye heed to what we say, Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before Him bow,
and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today!**

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

**Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's
door, and ye are blest forever more. Christ was born for this!**

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

**Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you
all to gain God's everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!**

Prayer of Invocation

**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.**

(*The United Methodist Hymnal*. No. 196. Words by Charles Wesley. Used by permission.)

Praise Song

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.

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Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and Your word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 11:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

*This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

Listening for God's Message "Christmas Prophets – Stumped" Rev. Ric Hanse

Response Song "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"
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.

Prayers of the People & Our Lord's Prayer

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

(You are invited to share your prayers in the chat or aloud in your homes.)

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts & Doxology

Hark! the Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
"Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Prayer of Dedication

Rebecca Williams

Closing Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"
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The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the 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!
(*The United Methodist Hymnal*. No. 218. Words by Edmund H. Sears. 1849. Used by permission.)

Benediction

