

Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022



As you enter the Sanctuary you are invited to light a candle and offer a prayer prior to the worship service.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Carol Sing Along</i>	Monica Adams
GATHERING MOMENT		Becky Cameron
INTROIT	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Chancel Choir
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Becky Cameron
One:	We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.	
All:	The darkness is deeper, but look! The star is beginning to shine. The everlasting light is creeping closer. Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.	
One:	Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.	
All:	We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.	
*OPENING HYMN	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs. 1-2)</i>	UMH #236
THE LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE		The Godly Play Team
SUNG RESPONSE	<i>The Candle of Love</i> The candle of love tells what we are worth: God loves us so much, God came to the earth! An angel brought news of a child who would be The one who would save us and set us all free.	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Martha Shuemake
PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED		

MISSION & MINISTRY MOMENT

Becky Cameron

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Becky Cameron

After a concern, the worship leader will say “Let us pray to the Lord,” and the congregation will reply,
“**Lord, hear our prayer!**”
After a joy, the worship leader will say “Let us pray to the Lord,” and the congregation will reply,
“**Lord, we give thanks!**”

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Sungho Lee

Our Father, 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.

**Sing Joy to All the
WORLD**

A Christmas Celebration

By Lloyd Larson

Orchestration by **Ed Hogan**

Narrators: Rev. Dr. Gary Putnam, Pastor Emeritus, & Gillian Murphy
Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Tidings of Comfort and Joy!

Tune: UKRANIAN BELL CAROL
by **Mykola Leontovych**, 1914

A Light Shall Shine

Tune: HYFRYDOL
By **Rowland H. Prichard**, 1830
Jennifer Alcover, Soloist

Prepare the Way!

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL
by **Thomas Helmore**, 1854

David’s Royal City

Tunes: IRBY & ST. LOUIS
by **Henry J. Gauntlett**, 1849
by **Lewis H. Redner**, 1869

Glory in the Highest!

Tune: Trad. French Carol
Incorporating GLORIA, Trad. French Carol

Joy of Every Longing Heart

Tune: JESU, JOY OF MAN’S DESIRING
by **J.S. Bach** & Divinum Mysterium, 13th C.

Worship Christ, the Newborn King

Tune: GREENSLEEVES, Trad. Eng. Melody
Words: **Lloyd Larson, Mary MacDonald** 19th c
William C. Dix, 1865

Sing Joy to All the World!

Tune: ANTIOCH By **Lowell Mason**, 1848 based on **G.F. Handel**, 1742
Words: **Isaac Watts**, 1719

THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS		Becky Cameron
OFFERTORY	<i>Mary's Cradle Song</i> [arr Geoffrey Edwards]	Monica Adams
RESPONSE	<i>Angel's We Have Heard on High</i> (vs. 1)	UMH #238
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Becky Cameron

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Hark! The Heralds Sing</i> (vs. 1 & 3)	UMH #240
BENEDICTION		Rev. Sungho Lee
POSTLUDE	<i>Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising</i> [Paul Kickstat]	Monica Adams

*Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Sungho Lee, Minister
Becky Cameron, Worship Leader
Ric Campero, Choir Director
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
Martha Shuemaker, Children's Moment
David Campero, Media
Cheri Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
Rupert Cooper, Audio

ORCHESTRA

<u>Flute</u> Barbara Maters Randell Lee	<u>Clarinet</u> Mike Hernandez	<u>Oboe</u> Becky Secor	<u>French Horn</u> Ruth Brittin
<u>Trumpet</u> Lyndsey Enoki Kegan Low	<u>Trombone</u> Dan Olivas	<u>Percussion</u> Jonathan Latta Bob Stover	<u>Timpani</u> Ashley Briar-Diaz
<u>Violin</u> Darcy Ford Marcella Stone-Fox Jelani Brown Liam Shaughnessy	<u>Viola</u> Amalia Medina Ealaph Tabbaa Charlotte Han	<u>Cello</u> Bailey LaBrie	<u>Double Bass</u> Noah Gonzales

Chancel Choir Director: Ric Campero
Organist/Pianist: Monica Adams, Rehearsal Pianist: Rebecca Nelson

A portion of the funds for today's Concert Within a Service are from the Putnam Music Enrichment Fund. If you would like to make a gift to the fund, be sure to write Putnam Music Fund on your check.

CONNECTIONS



DECEMBER 18, 2022 ~ 11:00AM SERVICE

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

If you are struggling this season, you are not alone. We recognize that a lot of the Christmas celebrations do not meet everyone's needs. To fill this gap, we are offering a Blue Christmas service Wednesday, December 21 at 7.00pm in the Fireside Room. Join Alan Cook and David Campero in a unique service where the light of Christ provides comfort and healing.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us this Saturday at 7.00pm or 9.00pm for our Christmas Eve services in the Sanctuary. Both services will be live-streamed.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Join us for one worship service on Christmas morning, December 25th at 10:00am. If the children would like to wear their pajamas that's acceptable on this day of celebration. Everyone else may wear comfortable clothes as we sing and worship and celebrate the Light of Christ entering the world! The service will be live-streamed.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1 there will be only two services. The first at 10.00am in the Sanctuary and the Khmer service will be at 10.15am in the Fireside Room. THERE WILL NOT BE AN 8:30 SERVICE.

ALL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, January 1, following the 10.00am worship service we will have a short All Charge Conference to approve the 2023 church budget and changes to Pastor Viseth Hou's compensation package.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sponsoring the Sanctuary floral arrangement for a Sunday worship service is a beautiful way to celebrate an occasion or honor your loved ones. Your personal dedication will be published in the worship bulletin on the Sunday of your sponsorship. There is a \$35 donation to the Flower Fund to sponsor an arrangement.

Sign up for a 2023 Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. You will be contacted the week prior to your Sunday to arrange wording for the bulletin. Your check must be received in the church office the week prior to your Sunday.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family and friends of Francisca Deguzman who passed away on December 9. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Thursday, December 22 at 10.00am in the Sanctuary.