

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**December 27, 2020**

OPENING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ben Butler

PRELUDE

Rosemary McInnis

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The First Noel*

arr. Larson

Lori Blount & Cary Breedlove, duet

A TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Renee Scales

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-28

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,

because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Linda Rickman

SPECIAL MUSIC

*In the First Light*  
Cary Breedlove, soloist

arr. Fettke

SERMON

Rev. Cory Phillips

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cory Phillips

POSTLUDE

Rosemary McInnis

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We offer our sympathy to the family of:

- Jerrie Lynn Mitchell, daughter of Rev. Jerry & Frankie Mitchell and member of MUMC, who died December 17.

## **HOLIDAY HOURS**

- The Church Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 4.
- The next Messenger newsletter will be published on Wednesday, January 6.

## **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

- Every Tuesday night in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
- Due to COVID, our temporary time will be from 6:30-8:15 p.m. and we cannot have meals.
- Please contact Steve Potter ([steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)) to volunteer to be a greeter, to help with set-up, or to work the soundboard.
- Please invite people to this recovery program and feel free to visit the program to learn more about it.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP**

- Every Tuesday morning at 11:15 on ZOOM
- For log in information, contact Rev. Linda Rickman at [linda@madisonumc.org](mailto:linda@madisonumc.org) or Jackie Wilson at [jackie@madisonumc.org](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org)

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

- Elevate Ski Retreat canceled due to Covid, please email Jackie Wilson at [jackie@madisonumc.org](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org) for refund details.
- Regular Sunday night Student activities will resume on January 3.