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**TRINITY**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*A Welcoming Community of  
 Compassion & Faith*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

## PRELUDE

*Comfort Ye, My People*

G. F. Handel

*Every Valley from Messiah*

Samuel Stalker, tenor

Comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak ye omfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

## WELCOME TO TRINITY

Abby Holcombe

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Hymnal No 240

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

God of Love, open our hearts to your deep compassion,  
so that we might share your good news to those in need  
and your gracious light to those walking in darkness;  
through the love of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

*After each petition ending "Send us your light."  
please respond saying: "Come, Lord Jesus."*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

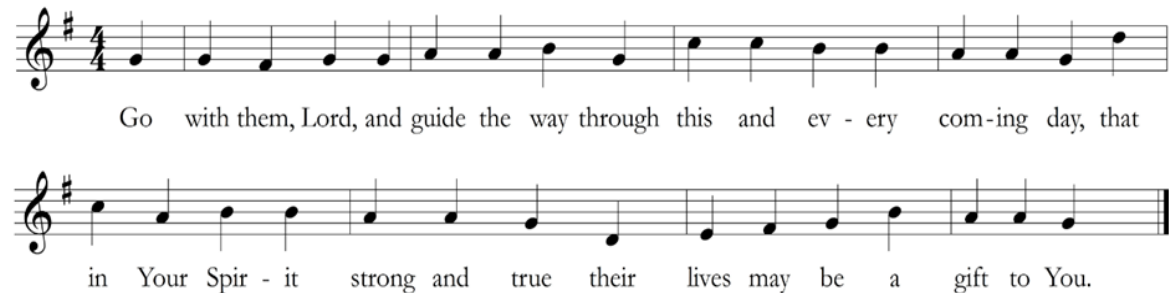
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Amy Reimer

**SENDING SONG**

*Go With Them, Lord*



Go with them, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev - ery com-ing day, that  
in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

**PSALTER**

Luke 1:46b-55

Hymnal № 199

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 1:26-38

**SERMON**

“Wondrous Love”

Kristina Sinks

**HYMN**

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

Hymnal № 242

**TRINITY WILMETTE THIS WEEK**

**GIVING OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**Invitation and Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory**

*While By My Sheep*

17th century, arr Jüngst

Diane Roberts, Becky Davies, Denny Roberts, Sol Davids, quartet

Chancel Choir

While by my sheep I watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright: How  
great my joy, great my joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, praise we the Lord in heav'n on  
high. Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high. There shall be born, so He did say, in  
Bethlehem a Child today: There shall He lie in manger mean, who shall redeem the  
world from sin: Lord, evermore to me be nigh, then shall my heart be filled with joy!

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal № 94

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Hymnal № 218

**BENEDICTION and CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

arr. Gordon Young