

CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 4, 2022
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

One: God, give your judgments to the king. Give your righteousness to the king's son.

All: Let him judge your people with righteousness and your poor ones with justice.

One: Let the mountains bring peace to the people; let the hills bring righteousness.

All: Let the king bring justice to people who are poor; let him save the children of those who are needy; but let him crush oppressors!

One: Let the king live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, generation to generation.

All: Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass, like showers that water the earth.

One: Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives, and let peace prosper until the moon is no more.

All: Bless the Lord God, the God of Israel! ; the only one who does wondrous things.

One: Bless God's glorious name forever; let his glory fill all the earth!

All: Amen and Amen!

Opening Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v1-4) UMH 211

Lighting Of The Second Advent Candle: "Faith"

The second candle is purple. It is the candle of faith. It is often called the Bethlehem Candle as a reminder of Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. We today, are on our journey to receive the King of Kings.

Congregation: **We walk by faith and not by sight as we open ourselves to receiving the greatest gift known to humanity**

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon Prepare the Way
Rick Hawkins

Response Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering

Offertory The Song from Afar

Holy Communion Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence UMH 626

SERVING GOD

Closing Song Blessed Be the God of Israel UMH 209

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

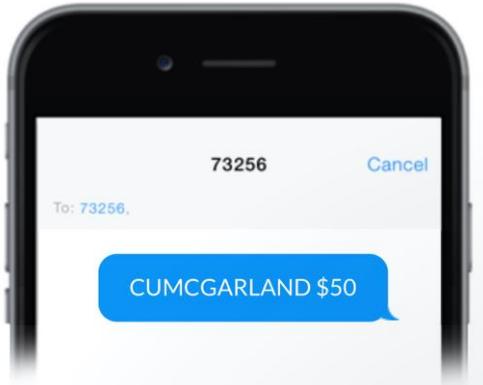
2. Send Joys and Concerns as a comment on the YouTube or Facebook Live chat section

3. Give online at:

<https://onrealm.org/CUMCGarland/-/give/now>

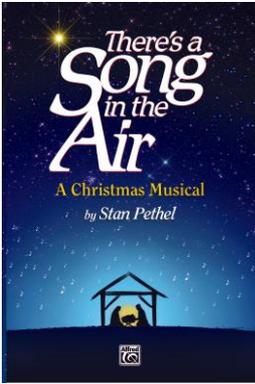
or Text to give:

[Text CUMCGARLAND with the dollar amount to 73256](https://onrealm.org/CUMCGarland/-/give/now)



Let your financial gifts be a challenge to give out of your resources for spiritual reasons. Give out of joy and thanksgiving. Please know that every gift from our members and non-members is sincerely appreciated.

Announcements



We invite you to join us on Sunday, December 11 during our morning service for our choir's presentation of "There's a Song in the Air", a Christmas cantata. It features a beautiful collection of songs and carols that we hope will bless you this season!

**Friday morning
Women's Bible Study**
9:30 am

**Women's Bible Fellowship
on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Women's Christmas Party
Tuesday, Dec. 13
6:30 pm
Bring your favorite salad



COVID-19 Resources

<https://ntcumc.org/coronavirus-resources>

Retirement Reception
for Bishop Michael McKee
Sunday, December 11
3:00 p.m.
Christ UMC Plano

CUMC Staff

Rev. Rick Hawkins
Rev. Lois Cooper
Anna England
Aaron Fryklund

Chris Rickett
Tom Watson
Melissa Mobilia

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
CCLC Director
Minister of Music
and Worship
Admin Coord/Tech
Accompanist
Violinist

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

[Chorus]

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

[Chorus]

O Come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
oh peoples on thy mercy call.

[Chorus]

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence UMH 626

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216

Lo how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
as those of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Blessed Be the God of Israel 209

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!