



CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 18, 2022
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

One: Shepherd of Israel, listen! You, the one who leads Joseph as if he were a sheep. You, who are enthroned upon the winged heavenly creatures. Show yourself before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh! Wake up your power! Come to save us!

All: Restore us, God! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!

One: Lord God of heavenly forces, how long will you fume against your people's prayer? You've fed them bread made of tears; you've given them tears to drink three times over! You've put us at odds with our neighbors; our enemies made fun of us.

All: Restore us, God of heavenly forces! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!

One: Let your hand be with the one on your right side---with the one whom you secured as our own---then we will not turn away from you! Revive us so that we can call on your name.

All: Restore us, Lord God of heavenly forces! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!

Opening Song Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Lighting Of The Fourth Advent Candle: "Peace"

The lighting of the fourth Advent Candle is symbolized with the color purple. It shows royalty, majesty, and honor. This candle is the Angel's candle, showing the prophecy and the announcement of peace coming to the world. It is about having peace on earth and good will to all. It is peace in our hearts and lives.

Congregation: We gladly hear the angels announcing the Word of God bringing peace to the world. In these turbulent and concerning days, we need to have peace. We need to be people of peace, not as the world gives, but as Jesus gives. Peace! Amen.

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Unimaginable
 Rick Hawkins

Response O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering

Offertory

SERVING GOD

Closing Song Once in David's Royal City UMH 250

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

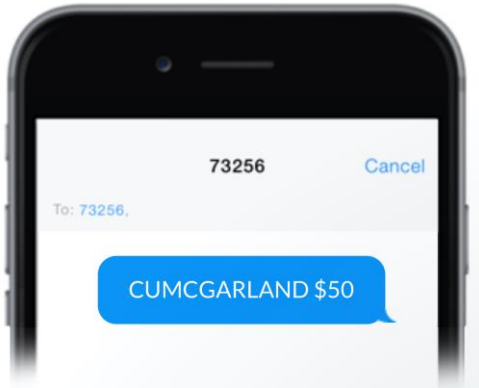
2. Send Joys and Concerns as a comment on the YouTube or Facebook Live chat section

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

**Christmas Eve
Worship Service**
Saturday,
December 24
7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Sunday
Worship Service**
December 25
10:30 a.m.

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

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



COVID-19 Resources

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

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Once in David's Royal City UMH 250

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.