



# First Congregational Church

IN WINCHESTER, UCC

## Order of Worship - Pageant Sunday - December 19, 2021

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. Dave Brubeck (1920-2012)

Welcome/Invocation/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Will Burhans

Gathering Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels; O come let us adore him, o come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: O come let us adore him, o come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord

### A Christmas Pageant

Introduction Maggie Keeler

Scene I - Animals Gather at the Stable

Carol: "The Friendly Beasts"  
Jesus, our brother, strong and good, Was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around him stood; Jesus, our brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried his mother uphill and down,  
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;" "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave him my manger for his bed,  
I gave him my hay to pillow his head;" "I," said the cow, all white and red.

Scene II - Mary and Joseph Arrive

Carol: "Away In a Manger"  
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed; The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay; The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes; But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky; And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Scene III - The Heavenly Host Descend

Carol: "Angels we Have Heard on High"  
Angels we have heard on high; Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply; Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see; Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee; Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### Scene IV - The Shepherds Show Up

Carol: "The First Noel"

The First Noel, the Angels did say; Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep; On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star; Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light; And so it continued both day and night  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel!

#### Scene V - The Wise People's Journey Ends

Carol: "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light, start with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of light, start with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Offertory

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Thomas Keesecker (b. 1956)  
Rev. Will Burhans

Closing Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

Closing Hymn

*Joy to the World* Pilgrim Hymnal #130  
Joy to the world the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king  
Let every heart, prepare him room  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove.  
The glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love  
And wonders, wonders of his love!

Postlude

*Good Christians All Rejoice* arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)

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