

ONLINE WORSHIP DECEMBER 13, 2020

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

(Video)

Welcome

Hymn #240

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Lighting the Advent Candle - Joy

Ray McCune

Affirmation of Faith (worship leader prays aloud)

Great Creator.

We are in awe of you.

We will never know how you managed to dream up

Mountains and valleys,

Freckles, dimples, and curly hair,

A cool morning mist,

The change of seasons,

Or the magic of music.

Your greatness is beyond our reckoning.

And because we are in awe of you,

We believe we must follow Mary's lead

And allow our souls to sing.

We believe that the appropriate reaction to your goodness

Is complete gratitude,

Which looks like love for our neighbor,

Justice for the poor,

Food for the hungry,

And joy that overflows.

And even though we do not always believe in ourselves,

We believe that our song is pleasing to you.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Call to worship and Affirmation of Faith adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

"A Baby Changes Everything"

A Christmas Musical Pre-recorded in 2019

Created by

Deborah Craig Claar and David T. Clydesdale Arranged and Orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale

Performed by

"The Voices of Praise" and "The Act of Faith" Players

Artistic Directors

Hope Anderson and Ron Jessee

Music Director

Ron Jessee

Musical Conductor

Liesl Hansen

Pianist

Laura Williams

Musical Selections

"One More Silent Night"
"Your Light Has Come"
"A Baby Changes Everything"
"While You Were Sleeping"
"Gloria In Excelsis Deo"
"O Holy Night"
John W. Peterson

Cast

Storyteller	Shannon Petersen
Miriam	Stephanie Johnson
Sarah	Sonja Caytano
Aaron	Zach Rhodes
Cassius	Steve Spence
Hannah	Cambria Metzinger
Seth	Wesley Dwain
Nathan	Devon Rhodes
Rebekah	Rose Vasquez

Choir

Tim Adams, Hope Anderson, Wesley Dwain, Terre Frank, Frank Glaser, Bill Harpur, Ron Jessee, Stephanie Johnson, Su-Yen Kuhn, Cambria Metzinger, Louis Perez, Judi Patterson, Martin Saunders, Sandy Soohoo Refaei, Rose Vasquez, LeaAnn Walker, Patrick Walker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Offering of Gifts (*followed by*) Doxology (#94)

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

Generous God, we thank you for bringing us to this season of faith, hope, and love. As we look at our lives, we see evidence of the countless ways that you have provided for our needs. Let gratitude well up in our hearts and overflow in generosity to others. Draw us outward to see ways that we can joyfully share what you have given. Let our acts of kindness as a church bear good fruit in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #251

"Go, Tell It On The Mountain" (v. 1 & 2)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (may require app download).