

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship and Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

## VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community  
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world  
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

**December 29, 2019  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

**All: God of all time,  
we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world  
with the glorious light of your presence.  
A light which made your love for the world visible  
in the babe born in Bethlehem—  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.  
A light which guided those gift-bearing travellers from afar  
to find and worship the Christ-child.  
A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.  
We pray that you will accept our worship  
for it arises from hearts and minds  
in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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\*OPENING HYMN

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

No. 240

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD**

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.**

## PREPARING TO PRAY

*On Eagle's Wings*

No. 143

**All: 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## CHOIR RESPONSE

## OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

*The Message*

## HYMN SING

### \*SINGING

*Joy to The World*

No. 246, v. 1 & 2

*During the hymn communion will be offered by intinction to all those who wish to participate. Please follow the Worship Team leaders.*

### \* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

## **Listen**

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Angels say,  
*Holiness is near.*

Joseph says,  
*Welcome mystery.*

The stars say,  
*Open your eyes in wonder.*

Shepherds say,  
*We who are poor are not afraid.*

The sheep say,  
*Hush.*

Mary says,  
*Your struggles are blessed.*

The child says,  
*Your flesh is my flesh.*

God says,  
*I am here.*

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**CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE:** Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

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