Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
W&S – Worship and Song
**Stand in body or in spirit.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Child of Bethlehem,
You come to us as a child, fragile and small,
yet we confess our desire for power and control.
You are born among the poor,
yet we confess our comfort with systems that oppress.
You shine as the Light of the World,
yet we confess how often we choose shadows of fear and indifference.
Forgive us, O Holy One.
Invite us into the light of the stable
Open our eyes to see You in the vulnerable,
our ears to hear You in the cries of those in need,
and give us hearts of compassion to respond with Your love. AMEN.

WORDS OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:
The Babe in the manger is Christ the King,
the One who reigns with hope, peace, joy, and love forever.
In Jesus, we are made new.
In Jesus, we are never alone.

In Jesus, we are forgiven.

People:
Thanks be to God!
This, this is Christ the King! AMEN.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Version) UMH 17

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (895)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(The congregation sings while seated, as others come forward for Holy Communion)

MUSICAL REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION Still, Still, Still Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
We give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given Yourself to us.
We are filled with joy
for we have heard good news of great joy.
We are filled with love
for we have tasted
the sign of God's great love.
We are filled with hope
for the angels still sing in our world
and there is a Light for us to follow. AMEN.

***HYMN WITH SPREADING OF THE LIGHT** Silent Night, Holy Night *See Screen*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherd quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE Joy to the World (All verses) *see screen* UMH 246

1. 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.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,

nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4. 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.