

# HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE

Sunday  
December 27, 2020



**PRELUDE**

“Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”

John Leavitt

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO CELEBRATION**

Maddi Baugous

“One Holy Night in Bethlehem”

Sing glory, glory, gloria! God's love is given birth!  
Be not afraid! Sing gloria, and peace to all the earth!

**OPENING HYMN**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:*  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: *(Refrain)*

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: *(Refrain)*

Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: *(Refrain)*

**PSALM**

Psalm 148

**HYMN**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:25-38

**SERMON**

“Seeing Salvation”

Maddi Baugous

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

## "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## "God Come to Us"

God come to us on win-ter's night, in midst our fears, un - spo-ken joys, un - end-ing tears, God  
ba-by's breath, by fire - light, God comes to us \_\_\_\_\_ comes to us \_\_\_\_\_ where we are. \_\_\_\_\_  
on a star. \_\_\_\_\_ God comes to us a -

*If you would like to share a prayer, please type in the comment section your Prayers of Concern or Prayers of Thanksgiving.*

**Prayers of Concern**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Maddi Baugous

## PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## BECAUSE WE GIVE

Maddi Baugous

## MUSIC

"O Magnum Mysterium"

by Morten Lauridsen

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Good Christians Friends, Rejoice”

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

**DISMISSAL AND BLESSINGS**

**POSTLUDE**

“Organ Flourish on ‘Joy to the World’”

Michael G. Dell

**MUSICIANS:**

Mark Kurtz, organ, piano and voice  
Peggy Holloway, voice

*Thank You!*



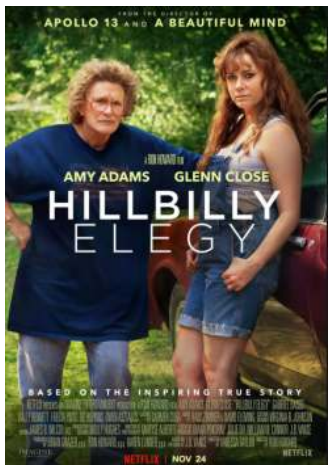
# Announcing

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We're working to grow as much food as possible this winter. But we need your help... This year, the pandemic has caused a dramatic increase in food insecurity. Families and individuals are struggling to meet their basic needs because of illness or job reduction. Many do not have consistent access to food. The demand at local pantries has increased more than 50%. For the first time ever, beginning this November we will grow as much emergency food as possible throughout the winter months. We are especially working to provide culturally appropriate vegetables for immigrant & refugee communities, foods that are often not available in food pantries.

We need your help to cover the costs associated with growing vegetables during the winter months. Will you help us provide fresh produce for our neighbors in need this winter? We can't do it without you! <https://bit.ly/BGWinterGarden>



**MOVIE GROUP IS BACK!**  
January 12, 7:00 pm  
Via **ZOOM!**  
Watch Hillbilly Elegy on your own (available on Netflix), then join us for a lively and thought provoking discussion.  
**Bring Your Own Popcorn!!**

Email Bonnie Wallace at [bonniewallace59@gmail.com](mailto:bonniewallace59@gmail.com) for more info and to receive ZOOM link!

**LIVING HOPE FOOD PANTRY**  
**Food Pantry Open**  
Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Thursday and Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Volunteers needed for both days.**  
Please call Living Hope Pantry at 402-614-7452 or contact Ron Alexander at [rwalexander@hotmail.com](mailto:rwalexander@hotmail.com)  
Drop-off Food Donations at FUMC (food donation container provided outside door #2)



**the big garden** **THE BIG GARDEN'S ROLE IN ADDRESSING POVERTY**  
**Saturday, January 23rd 10:00 AM Via Zoom**

We continue our conversation on addressing poverty in Omaha, by hearing from The Big Garden. Learn how they are alleviating food insecurity in the pandemic, improving diets for limited income persons and much more.

Join us for responses from **Nathan Morgan** and **Stephanie Finklea**, and engage in small group discussion via Zoom.

Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/132816410459](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/132816410459)  
Or contact Maddi Baugous at [maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org](mailto:maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org)

Sponsored by the Poverty, Education, and Advocacy Team (PEAT)

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## Clair Cares Food Pantry

### Volunteers Needed!

For Information  
on Volunteering,  
Contact Judy Prenzler  
at [prenzler@cox.net](mailto:prenzler@cox.net)



Next Opportunity for Volunteering:  
3rd Friday and Saturday of the month  
(January 15 & 16), 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Donations of food or money are always welcome.  
Please drop off at FUMC, 7020 Cass St., Omaha  
During office hours 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon - Thurs

### Renters are now protected by new CDC moratorium on evictions.

The Center for Disease Control has issued a moratorium on evictions through December 31, 2020. Renters unable to pay rent due to the toll COVID-19 has taken on their lives, can sign and provide to their landlord a declaration demonstrating the need for protection from eviction.

According to a legal opinion from Immigrant Legal Center, there are no immigration-relevant eligibility factors which would prevent any immigrant from asserting this eviction protection.

Tenants are responsible for the eventual payment of all rent and fees due, and are expected to make timely partial payments as possible.

For more information on how to access this Protection from eviction [click here](#) or go to <http://bit.ly/OTOCRenterProtection>.



Need yard cleanup, winter fertilizer or snow removal? The Syrian refugee family that our church sponsors has started a business doing just that and more! In addition to his part time job at Hyvee, Zead Basbous is seeking more yard customers to supplement his income and support his family of seven.

PLEASE CALL ZEAD TODAY  
at (402) 810-4465 to  
SCHEDULE YOUR WORK.

## HOW DO WE RESPOND?

*Sometimes there are too many issues to address, but how do we as Christians understand the problems of the world and seek to address them?*

STARTING JANUARY 13  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**@7PM**  
Via Zoom

### WEEKLY TOPICS

January 13th: Poverty  
January 20th: Mental Health  
January 27th: LGBTQ+ Inclusion  
February 3rd: Climate Change  
February 10th: Racism

Join us for a 5-week study, asking the question of how we respond to issues of today. Each week is a different topic. Come for all 5 weeks or pick the topics you want!

Contact Maddi at  
[maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org](mailto:maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org)  
to sign up!

## February 13<sup>th</sup> is Legislative Briefing Day!

Join the Poverty, Education and Advocacy Team (PEAT) for the Nebraska Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day! In its 46<sup>th</sup> year, the event has gone virtual and will include discussions. Hear presentations on various topics as follows:

- Climate Change: Martha Shulski
- Education: Ann Hunter Pirtle
- Gerrymandering: Steve Dunbar
- Immigration: Linda Studnicka
- Racial Justice: Senator Adam Morfield
- Workplace Rights: Senator Megan Hunt
- Taxation & Budget: Senator Tony Vargas
- Breaking News and Update from last legislature: Carol Windrum

FUMC Omaha is a strong supporter of Legislative Briefing Day, so let's continue our support!

Register today at [www.nelegisbrief.org](http://www.nelegisbrief.org) (It is limited to 300 guests)



# Welcome

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE...

Today is Sunday,  
December 27, 2020



## From Participants to Partners

All are always welcome to participate in the life and ministries of FUMC Omaha. When you are ready to move from participant to partnership through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact Pastor Mike, Pastoral Intern, Maddi, or Director of Communication and Membership, Anna by e-mail or phone; they'd be delighted to answer your questions and get to know one another!

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### Church Staff Contact Information

**Church Phone Number is 402-556-6262**

Listed below are the four digit staff extension numbers.

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### GIVING

Thank you for supporting the ministries of FUMC. Contribution letters are provided to identified donors for tax-deduction records at year end.

**Automated Giving Made Easy** - Would you like to have your donation withdrawn automatically from your checking account every month?

If so, you may contact Noni Cambridge at [Noni.Cambridge@fumcomaha.org](mailto:Noni.Cambridge@fumcomaha.org) to begin the process. The monthly withdrawal will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day if the 10th falls on a weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Noni. Thanks! Giving Digitally – First United Methodist Church accepts multiple ways to give online.

Please go to: <http://fumcomaha.org/giving/> for more information on how you may give online.

Please go to [www.facebook.com/FUMCOmaha](http://www.facebook.com/FUMCOmaha) and click the blue Donate button to give via Facebook.

## PASTORAL CARE

In these times, if you are in need of additional support, pastoral care, or there is an emergency, please reach out to Maddi Baugous at

[maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org](mailto:maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org)

or call 402.556.6262 x1006 (Mon-Thur. 8:30-3:00pm).

You can also email

Lynne Elwood

[lwood2@gmail.com](mailto:lwood2@gmail.com) to be added to our prayer chain.

We are here for you!



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Watch live sermons streamed on Facebook every Sunday at 10:50 am.

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**Temporary Office Hours:**

Mon - Thurs, 8:30 am to 3 pm

Closed Friday, Saturday,

Sunday Online Service 10:50 am

**Building Closed  
From Dec 28 - Jan 3**

