

Immanuel United Church
Christmas Eve 2022

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES

Today, we acknowledge the land that we are gathered on *is Treaty 1 territory ... the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota Peoples, as well as the homeland and heart of the Metis Nation, who for thousands of years, walked gently on this land with deeply rooted gifts of spirituality, culture and ways of knowing.*

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and give thanks for the connection we share with this land – in times past and also in the present day.

Today we are called to seek a new relationship as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, creating one based on friendship, built on respect, and one that produces peace, remembering that we are **all** treaty people.

Words of Welcome

Hymn: VU# 1 O Come O Come Emmanuel (Vs. 1,2,3,4,7)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

First Choir Anthem: “Christmas Lullaby”

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: VU# 46 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

CANDLE LIGHTING

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Come to the stable and gaze upon the new babe born unto us; our Emmanuel and our light of the world.

In the wonder of this moment, let our hearts be filled with the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love that this babe brings to a hurting world.

Look what we have found out on this journey together!

Grace is here. Shout it from the mountaintops and wherever you may be: Mary had a baby boy!

Our journey is both over, beginning and continuing. We light the Christ candle this evening in celebration of the coming of the light of the world. May light shine in all our hearts from this night forward and spread throughout the world.

(Light the Christ Candle, and the candle stands)

Prayer

**With this light we pray O God,
Be light along our paths,
Lead us to a more just world
And help us to stay awake
And present to your love
In each and every ordinary day. Amen.**

VU 59: Joy to the World

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: VU# 56 Jesus Our Brother

Spoken Part

Hymn: VU# 60 O Come All Ye Faithful

Luke 2:15-20

Second Choir Anthem: "Do You Hear What I Hear" (*Debbie Bilous Flute*)

Spoken Part

Hymn: VU# 36 Angels From the Realms of Glory

Prayers

Blessing

Silent Night (with individual candles) *(Cindy Smyth violin)*

Postlude