



*I Believe
in Peace, Even When...*

“We Believe in Peace”

Isaiah 9:2-7, John 1:1-18

December 20, 2020

**THORNDALE
United Methodist Church**

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All Are Welcome!

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

Garrett Watkins

WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THRESHOLD

THEME SONG

I Believe

Josh's Video

+OPENING PRAYER AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch
of your gift of peace on earth.
Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—
even when we aren't sure that goodwill among us can be found,
ignite the flame of peace within us...

People: ...that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

**All: God of peace, help us face the pain of life and embrace
the assurance that light is already here, and always coming.**

+GREETING in Sign Language

Renay Oberholtzer

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal #240

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore & Renay Oberholtzer

TIME OF PRAISE & PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is
named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Garrett Watkins

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. We offer these gifts today with peace, that they may bring peace to others in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

JOHN 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"We Believe in Peace"

Pastor Shauna

HYMN

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Hymnal #251

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Lawrence Rappoldt

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR
MUSIC

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge
Lawrence Rappoldt
Garrett Watkins

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

DOOR GREETER
USHER 1
USHER 2
TEMP TAKER
ATTENDANCE
FLOATER

Hannah Smith
Wayne Barrows
Pete Scotti
Meg Rappoldt
Wayne Barrows
Hannah Smith

LITURGIST

Cheryl Faust

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TECH TEAM

Renay Oberholtzer
Josh Dwyer
Terry Moore
Jamie Ridge

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara Bailey in memory of Ward's birthday.
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