

# Makawao Union Church



*Christmas*  
EVE

December 24, 2021

# Makawao Union Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 2021 8:00 PM

*Congregational responses are printed in bold.*

## The Time of Preparation

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Bidding Prayer Rev. B. David Williams

(Choir: *“Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.”*)

### Of the Father’s Love

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Tonight, we conclude our Advent journey as we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the one promised in scripture.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

We celebrate the hope brought to earth by our Wonderful Counselor.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

We rejoice in the strength and power of a Mighty God.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

We sing of peace on earth and good will to all people.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us!**

And we lift our hearts in praise to our Everlasting Father.

**He is called Emmanuel: God with us! Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

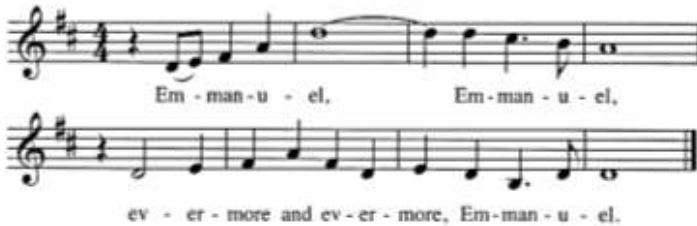
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

“Tonight we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. As the light from these candles fill this room, we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the newborn King. The one who is Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us.”

(Choir: “*Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.*”)

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(Choir ends: “*Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.*”)

Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names. Tonight we celebrate your birth and thank you for being our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we’ve been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this night to welcome you as Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## We Hear the Good News

### Carol: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, fill the whole world with heaven's  
peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

Alexie Lee

Anthem

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr Howard Helvey

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
as those of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.  
O Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor  
the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God,  
from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

**The Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-4**

Bill Kepler

**Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;  
Yet in your dark streets shines forth the everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

**The Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

Martha-Lee Bohn

Solo

*Magnificat*

Jeremy Rawson

Molly Schad, Soloist

My soul doth magnify the Lord  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior  
for he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth, all generations  
shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him,  
from generation to generation.  
He hath showed strength with his arm.  
He hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seats  
and exalted them of low degree.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He hath holpen his servant Israel  
In remembrance of his mercy  
as he spake to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his seed forever.

**The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7**

Terry Rose

**Carol: “Silent Night” (Po la’i e)**

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! 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.

Po-la’i e, po kama-ha’o, Ma-lu-hia, Ma-lama-lama,  
Ka ma-kua-hi-ne a-lo-ha, e, Me ke kei-ki, He-mo-lele e,  
Moe me ka ma-lu-hia la-ni, Moe me ka ma-lu-hia la-ni.

**The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-14**

Judi Nakanelua

**Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:15-20**

Joy Webster

**Carol: “What Child Is This”**

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch  
are keeping.
2. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to  
own him. The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts  
enthroned him.

*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the  
son of Mary.

**The Seventh Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12**

Jay Slaughter

The people walking in darkness  
 shall see a great light!  
 And the glory of God shall be shown,  
 the will of God made known.  
 For unto us a child is born,  
 unto us a son is given  
 and the government shall be on his shoulders  
 He shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
 Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
 and the Prince of Peace.  
 Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
 born to set thy people free,  
 from our fears and sins release us,  
 let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation  
 hope of all the earth thou art,  
 dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
 Joy of ev'ry longing heart.  
 The people walking in darkness  
 shall see a great light!

**The Eighth Lesson: John 1:1-14**

Judy Anderson

**Carol: "Joy to the World"**

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.

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.

**We Respond with Thanksgiving**

A Christmas Prayer

Rev. B. David Williams

## **Carol: “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels!  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## **We Go Out Into the World**

Dismissal with Blessing

Rev. B. David Williams

Postlude      *Postlude on "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"*

David Lasky

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2021 CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING

Your gift to the Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross) will not only assist pastors, but also provide for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and provide Christmas “Thank You Gift Checks next December to low-income retirees. Through your gifts to the Christmas Fund, you can help ensure that “The Light is Surely Coming” and pass on God’s Love.

We will collect this *special offering* tonight December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see the poster in the entryway. You’ll find the purple envelopes near the display board. If you would like to donate to this special offering, please make your check out to Makawao Union Church and write “Veterans of the Cross” in the memo, and deposit the purple envelope in the calabash bowl in the back of the Sanctuary. Mahalo!

- MUC Benevolence Giving 2021

The Benevolence Committee wants to hear from you! We are looking to help five or six groups this year who further the mission and ideals as set down in the church Covenant— “to work together for the betterment of all people” and to enact “the social vision which ever seeks to express in all walks of life the mind and spirit of Jesus”. Please email your suggestions to Diana Dahl via our office: [makawaunion@gmail.com](mailto:makawaunion@gmail.com) no later than December 29<sup>th</sup> to make sure our checks can be processed and sent out to the appropriate benevolence group. MUC can make this a Blessed Christmas Season for many in our community!

- December 26th Worship Service

will be organized around a Carol Sing. This is a great time for you to sing and share your favorite hymns or those Christmas Carols that you did not get enough of and just can’t leave for another year. Bring your singing voice and Christmas spirit!

- Secondhand Heaven

will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They will reopen on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 and continue their same hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM. Please hold your donations until they reopen – Mahalo for your kokua!

- ◆ **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.**

To make a donation please visit our website at [www.makawaounionchurch.org](http://www.makawaounionchurch.org) and look for the **Donate** button at the bottom of the screen or you can send your donations via US Postal service to our mailing address:

Makawao Union Church  
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### **Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:**

To **The Rev. B. David Williams** for being our supply Pastor.  
To **Martha-Lee Bohn** and **Joy Webster** for being our greeters.  
To **Judy Anderson, David Fisher, Dan Hays, Bill Kepler, Kirsten Lausterer, Sarah Miano, Wendy Miano, John Rowehl, Jan Ryan, Molly Schad, Jay Slaughter, Leah Tinkelman** and **Dave Williams** for our live music tonight.  
To **Johnson/Hays/Lausterer Family** for lighting the Christ Candle.  
To our scripture readers: **Alexie Lee, Bill Kepler, Martha-Lee Bohn, Terry Rose, Judi Nakanelua, Joy Webster, Jay Slaughter** and **Judy Anderson**.  
To **Peter Kim** and **Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our Tech hosts tonight.

### **Upcoming Events**

Dec 25	** Merry Christmas **
Dec 26	9:00AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship – Carol Sing
Dec 31	6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary ** New Year’s Eve **
Jan 01	** Happy New Year – 2022!! **
Jan 02	9:00AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship – Communion
Jan 07	Facilities Use Committee Meeting (TBD) 6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Jan 08	8:30AM Men’s Breakfast, Pukalani Golf Course

## **First Lesson    Isaiah 11:1-9**

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. <sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. <sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

## **The Second Lesson    Micah 5:2-4**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. <sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

## **The Third Lesson    Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him

Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

### **The Fourth Lesson    Luke 2:1-7**

<sup>2</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

### **The Fifth Lesson    Luke 2:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

## **The Sixth Lesson    Luke 2:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## **The Seventh Lesson    Matthew 2:1-12**

<sup>2</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **The Eighth Lesson    John 1:1-14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  
<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas, from all of us at

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