

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

# Christmas Day

WITH VIRTUALL VOICES



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Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*What Child is This?*

Celtic Harp - Rose Oberlin  
Vocal - Billy Hendricks

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Caryn Cranston & Patty Tomko

A: In the beginning, God dreamed of a beautiful world.  
B: In Egypt, the Israelites dreamed of freedom.  
A: In the wilderness, the people dreamed of safety.  
B: In Jerusalem, the people dreamed of a Messiah.  
A: In Bethlehem, the shepherds and Wise Men dreamed of a new beginning.  
B: Then, several years later, Jesus walked this earth and dreams came true.  
A: The sick were healed. The poor had food.  
B: The forgotten and ignored were seen.  
A: The children were welcomed.  
B: Everyone was invited to the table, and the world has never been the same.  
A: So tonight, we are those who dream.  
B: Tonight, we dream the same dreams of our ancestors before us.  
A: Tonight, we dream of justice and mercy, of love and kindness, of peace and hope.  
B: Tonight we dream of a God that draws near to us out of unfailing love.  
A: May this candle be a reminder that there will be a day when every dream will be fulfilled. And until then, we will be those who dream.  
B: Let us worship Holy God.

Call to Worship

Reverend Ann Duncan

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And hope to every discouraged heart.**  
Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to every conflicted soul.**  
Glory to God in the highest!  
**And joy to every downcast spirit.**  
Glory to God in the highest!  
**And love to everyone.**  
Let us sing praises to our God.  
**Let us dream together.**

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## VirtuAll Voices

*Hearts Waiting (Joy to the World)*  
*Mary, Did You Know?*

Matt Redman  
Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, arr. Jonathan Miller

## Message

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offering Prayer

Nathan Duncan

Holy God of Love,  
There is light in our lives  
because of the abundance of your steadfast love.  
A love so vast, so deep, so real,  
that you became one of us.  
May we live within the power of this love.  
And may we share its light with a world  
Through the generosity of our gifts. Amen.

## *Go Tell it On the Mountain*

VirtuAll Voices

## Benediction

A festive poster for a New Year's Zoom Party. It features a light pink background with gold stars, circles, and strings of ornaments. The text is centered and reads: "LET'S RING IN 2021!" in a curved banner, "New Year's Zoom Party" in large bold letters, and "Featuring games, fellowship, prayer, and two countdowns! Prizes awarded for most festive '2020' attire. All ages welcome!" in smaller text. At the bottom, a dark grey bar contains the date and time: "DECEMBER 31", "8 PM (COUNTDOWN AT 8:59)", "9 PM (COUNTDOWN AT 9:59)", and the RSVP link: "RSVP: FIRSTCHURCHCHRISTMAS.ORG/NEW-YEARS-EVE".

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