

# LIVING THE CELEBRATION



## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

January 3, 2021

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# Welcome!

Facebook live streaming will begin at 9:25 am • Service begins at 9:30 am

**Pre-service Music:** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” | “There's a Song in the Air”

*UM Hymnal #224 MUSIC: harm. by Gary Alan Smith | UM Hymnal #249 MUSIC: Karl P. Harrington*

## Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome and Greeting**

Pastor Diamond with The Hemingson Family

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Prelude**

“The Sussex Carol”

*Public Domain*

## Call to Worship

The Butler Family

Leader: Blessed be God! Praise to the Father of Lord Jesus Christ!  
In Christ we are blessed, in Christ we are chosen

**People: to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: In Christ we belong in the family, adopted

**People: to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: In Christ the great mystery of God is revealed;

**People: to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

Leader: In Christ we are called to be blameless and free,

**People: to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**

**All: Blessed be God! Praise to the Father of Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

#145

*UM Hymnal #145 WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon MUSIC: harm. Carlton R. Young*

## Opening Prayer

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

## **Anthem**

“Here I Am to Worship”

*CCLI Song # 3266032 Tim Hughes ©2000 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)*

**Scripture Readings** Ephesians 1:3-14 | John 1:1-9

**Message**

Pastor Rick Casebolt

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

*CCLI Song # 128709 Adger McDavid Pace | R. Fisher Boyce ©1940 James D. Vaughan, publ.*

**Presentation of the Offering** “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” **#95**

*UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674*

**Offering Prayer**

Holy God and Parent of us all: we have moved through this season of family and Christmas joy, and we are reminded that beyond our earthly families, you have adopted us into your redeemed family. Through the saving, redeeming work of the Incarnation, we have become heirs, and our redemption is the magnificent gift of salvation. We give our gifts, but we give ourselves as the only fitting response to your adoption of us, your rebellious children. Lead us in your way into this new year. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Music during Communion** “Song of Joy” *CCLI# 1115144 Mary Rose Jensen ©1991 Garden Rose Music*

**Prayer after Communion**

**Closing Hymn**

“Christ is the World's Light”

**#188**

*UM Hymnal #188 WORDS: Fred Pratt Green MUSIC: David Evans*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (Reprise)

*UM Hymnal #224 MUSIC: harm. by Gary Alan Smith*



# Tearing Apart the Heavens

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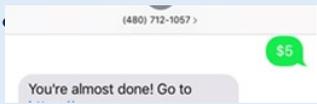
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