

## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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

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### Welcome!

Services at 8:30 and 10:00 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

**Pre-service Music:** "We Three Kings" | "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

by John H. Hopkins | Public Domain

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Rick

**Bringing in the Light of Christ** 

**Prelude** "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"

from Handel's Messiah

\*Call to Worship (8:30) Meghan Rule (10:00) Joyce Steiner

Leader: Iesus said.

People: "This is my Father's house."

Leader: So come into this space

People: just as you are.
Leader: Come into this space
People: speaking your truth.
Leader: Come into this space

People: with your authentic self.

Leader: This is God's home.

People: This is our home. Let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2, 4 #246

UM Hymnal #246 WORDS: Isaac Watts MUSIC: G. F. Handel; arr. Lowell Mason

### \*Opening Prayer

God of the Incarnation, even as we celebrate the Love that was born at Christmas, we know that your love continues to grow far beyond Christmas Day. Even as parents watch tenderly and proudly as their children grow into adulthood, you hold us in your compassionate embrace throughout our lives. Guide us into mature faith, O God, that we might be like Jesus in our love, in our humility and wisdom, and in every word and deed. Shape us, inspire us, challenge us, and bless us with the music to sing your praises. Amen.

Anthem

# "Tumwimbiye Bwana Yesu" (Let Us Praise The Lord)

The Mutach Family

by David Kazad

**Scripture Readings** 

Luke 2:41-52 | Colossians 3:12-17

Message

"Whomp Whomp"

Rev. Tina Marie Rees

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Response

"Love Came Down at Christmas" vs. 1, 3

#242

UM Hymnal #242 WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti MUSIC: David Evans

Offering

Offertory

"Christmas Canon Rock"

The Mutach Family

\*Presentation of the Offering "Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow" #95

UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken, 1674

#### \*Offering Prayer

God of miracles, when Jesus was born, angels, shepherds, sages, and even animals rejoiced and gave thanks. Today, we delight in our chance to join the Christmas party of gratitude. Thank you for naming us your beloved children. We offer you our hearts, our deeds, and our entire lives in thanksgiving for the gift of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" vs. 1, 4, 6 #154

UM Hymnal #154 WORDS: Edward Perronet; adapt. John Rippon MUSIC: Oliver Holden

\*Blessing

**Postlude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Reprise)



### Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Diamond Pate
Music Director: Randy Van Der Pol Organist: Jeff Hendrickson

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