

# Welcome to Worship

Rev. Katie Waggoner, Pastor

Order of Worship | Sunday, December 26, 2021

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

## Invitation and Gathering

**Gathering Hymn:**  
**#246 Joy to the World**

### Call to Worship

L: God calls us now in this Christmas season to become new,  
**P: To make room for our own nativity, even where there is no room at the inn.**

L: Where we are lost—

**P: Hope.**

L: Where we are busy—

**P: Peace.**

L: Where we are sad—

**P: Joy.**

L: Where we are bitter—

**P: Love.**

L: Let this hour be a time of celebration for the gifts of the Christ Child- Greatest Gift of God. Amen.

## Blessing of the Toys and Time with Children

### Lighting the Advent Candles

**Advent Hymn: #2090 The Advent Song verses 1-5**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Church...**

## Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing

*(Please place connection cards in the offering plate)*

### Prayers of the People

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"  
Congregational response: **"Hear our prayer."**

### Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn: Christmas Carol Sing**

## Proclamation and Response

### You tell the Christmas Story

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-18

**Message:** *The Give-Away* by Ray Buckley

**The Offering:** \*Doxology: Hymn #95

## Sending Forth

**Closing Hymn: #251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

### Benediction:

### The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

*\*Please stand as you are able  
Read in unison words printed in bolded type*

## **Announcements**

Bible Study will take place on Sundays after church. Today we will meet after the post church service chit chat.

## **Mission/Vision Statement**

The mission of the Alden Community United Methodist Church is to **CONNECT** people to Christ, **NURTURE** them to spiritual maturity, and **PREPARE** them to go into the world to bear fruit and to set a Christian Example.

### **We will accomplish this by:**

- Celebrating with heartfelt worship of God
- Pursuing individual Christ-centered growth
- Being a caring community for all
- Using our time, talents, and gifts for God's purpose
- Sharing the Word of God

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## *Worship Sunday*

