



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope
First Church in Windsor, UCC

The Second Sunday in Advent
Angels Among Us: Do Not Be Afraid
Nothing Is Impossible: Peace
December 4, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Procession of the Advent Light: Hope

Song

There Are Angels Among Us
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**There are angels among us, there are angels among us,
there are angels among us, bringing peace on earth.**

**Do not be afraid, do not be afraid,
do not be afraid, do not be afraid.**

Prayer

**Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of peace this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more peace in the midst of fear.**

Song

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Passing of the Peace

Please make sure to wave to our online community, send a text message of peace to someone, or pass the peace in the chat on Facebook.

Hymn

All Earth is Waiting
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**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows, the sowing of our God.
All the world, bound and struggling,
seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel'.
One whose name is 'God with us' our savior shall be,
through whom hope will blossom
once more within our hearts.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

Children's Moment

***Prayer of our Savior**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Scripture

Luke 1: 26-45

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Solo

Sermon

Rev. Tom Carr

“Gabriel”

Anthem

The Angel Gabriel
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Music by Edgar Pettiman
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Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Elements

Communion Song

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

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Touch us, O Spirit, and these gifts, with your transforming power. Open us to your promise of resurrection from fear and death. In partaking of these elements, make us a people ready as your Body in and for an anxious world. Let us become your messengers of your hope, peace, joy, and love in all that we say and do. Make us one in this purpose, O God. Amen.

Announcements

Online Giving

Offering Plates are on the tables back of the church. If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

***Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French

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**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

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.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Muzette

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**Please stand as you are able.*

Bolded font to be read by all/