

Lakeview United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for December 24, 2020

This weeks message is **The Big Reveal** By Pastor John

Gathering Music - Heidi Henandez

Welcoming guests and announcements - Pastor Ross

Prelude - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Willis, Willcocks Heidi Henandez

Meditation

A spiritual seeker came to a rabbi and asked, "Teacher, why doesn't anyone see God nowadays?"

"People aren't willing to look that low," the rabbi replied.

They say the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem has a tiny doorway — so small that anyone passing through must stoop low in order to enter. How appropriate! For we do not come to Christ — ever — by exalting ourselves. We come to him only by bowing low, by bending the knee, by following the example of shepherds and magi of old.

Advent Candle Lighting - Pastors John, Ross and Linda

Call to Worship - Pastor Linda

On a night long ago, when the stars shone brightly in the sky, Jesus Christ was born.

Underneath the light of one especially bright star, Jesus Christ was born.

In a plain and simple manger, Jesus Christ was born.

With animals gathered all around, Jesus Christ was born.

Wrapped in a mother's embrace and a father's care, Jesus Christ was born.

So that we might know God better, Jesus Christ was born.

Special Music - *Joy to the World* George Frideric Handel Lakeview Christmas Quartet

Scripture - Isaiah 7:14 Pastor Ross

Special Music - *O Come Emanuel* Thomas Helmore Heidi Henandez

Scripture - Isaiah 9:1a, 2, 6 Pastor Linda

Special Music - *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Phillips Brooks Lakeview Christmas quartet

Scripture - Micah 5:2 Luther Abrahamson

Special Music - *Holiest Night* Heidi Henandez Heidi Henandez

Scripture - Luke 2: 1-7 Luther Abrahamson

Message - The Big Reveal

Offering - Pastor Ross, *Doxology* - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Exit to the Courtyard - *Joy to the World* George Frideric Handel Heidi Henandez & Pat Howard

Candle Lighting - *Silent Night* Gruber, Mohr Heidi Henandez & Pat Howard

Benediction - Pastor John

Postlude - *Sing Hallelujah* Heidi Henandez Heidi Henandez

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas!