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of
Great joy*



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

LIBERTY POLE — Worship 9:00 AM — S6759 Hwy. 27 — (608) 675-3630

VIROQUA — Worship 10:30 AM — 221 S. Center Ave. — (608) 637-3551

Pastor Ethan Larson

Organist: Kathy Hanson

Choir Director: Lynn Whitney

December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve

***Please stand if you are able**

PRELUDE

WELCOMING WORDS

Val Lind

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) *Psalm 72:1-2*

Val Lind

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice!

***CAROL** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

No. 203

***PRAYER** (unison) "Christmas"

Hymnal No. 231

CHOIR ANTHEM "Wait! Watch!"

Frombach/Lantz III

LESSON *Luke 1:26-38*

Val Lind

CAROL "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

No. 215

LESSON *Matthew 1:18-25*

Pastor Ethan

CAROL "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

No. 216

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES the Fred and Joyce Funk family

CAROL "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

No. 206

PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sing an Alleluia"

Martin

LESSON *Luke 2:1-7*

Pastor Laverne

CAROL "Once in Royal David's City" No. 250

LESSON *Luke 2:8-12* Pastor Ethan

*CAROL "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" *The Faith We Sing* No. 2096

LESSON *Luke 2:13-14* Pastor Laverne

CAROL "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Laverne

LESSON *Luke 2:15-20* Pastor Ethan

CAROL "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Ethan

*CAROL "Joy to the World" No. 246

CAROL AND CANDLELIGHTING "Silent Night, Holy Night" — see back page
(please carry your lit candles with you when you leave, and extinguish them in the narthex)

BENEDICTION Pastor Laverne

*POSTLUDE

GREETERS Angie Hanson, and Barb & Wayne Robson

USHERS David & Lorna Peterson

LITURGIST Val Lind

Thank you to Billy and Tolla Lepke and baby Axell for portraying Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus.

Thank you to Pastor Laverne Larson, of Viola and North Clayton United Methodist Churches, for assisting in this evening's service.

The large poinsettias in front of the pulpit are given in memory of Jason and Helen Hornby, by their family.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;



round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in-fant, so ten-der and mild,
nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold-er Kna-be mit lock-i-gem Haar,
 glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, heav-en-ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 ra-diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
schlaf im himm-li-scher Ruh, schlaf im himm-li-scher Ruh.
 Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born!



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