



This Weekend In Worship

Watch Service Online
Virtual Fellowship (Saturday & Sunday)
Sign In For Worship

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, we'll hear the words of Mary as she wrestles with the message she received from the Angel
(Luke 1:26-38).

Her first reaction is "How can this be?"

I don't think anyone would blame her for asking why this is happening. But Mary doesn't stay there. She hears those words, struggles with them, ponders them, and ultimately is able to move from *How can this be* to *Let it be. Let it be with me according to your word*. Though this brief conversation may make it feel as if it happened quickly, I imagine that there is time and space between the initial conversation and the acceptance of God's call. In worship this weekend, I'll invite you to consider what we can learn from Mary's honesty and faith.

Special parts of our worship service will include greetings from one of our missionaries, Connie Wieck (serving in China), and a song sung by United Methodist Missionaries serving around the world.

If you haven't sent in your Christmas offering, its not too late. Our gifts together will support ministries and programs locally and around the world.

2020 Christmas Offering supports:
ISU Wesley Foundation Merge
Habitat for Humanity
Community Health Care Clinic
Chaddock ~ Therapy Pool Renovation
Liberia Scholarships & Pastoral Support

We've lost many of our traditions for celebrating Christmas. But if COVID has taught us anything, it's to be flexible and creative. So in the midst of the pandemic, I hope you will feel the presence of Christ coming into your heart and home this year, in new and powerful

ways.

*Merry Christmas,
Pastor Kathy*

First United Methodist Church
Virtual worship service
December 19th, 5 pm
December 20th, 9:30 am

Welcome and
Announcements

Lighting of the Advent
Candle

Shields Family

Preludes

"The Huron Carol"

Arr. Forrest

"Away in a Manger"

Arr. Sanders

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Angels from the
Realms of Glory"
vs. 1 & 2

#220

Opening Prayer

Chorus

"Where Children
Belong"

#2233

Children's Moment

Missions Moment

Greeting from Connie
Wieck

The Word Through
Music

"Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing"

Arr. Forrest

Scripture

Luke 1: 26-38

Sermon

From "How can it be"
to "Let it be"

Pastoral Prayer &
Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Merry Christmas from
UMC Missionaries

Hymn of Commitment

"The First Noel"
vs. 1,2,3&5

#245

Blessing and Sending
Forth

Postlude

"Voluntary on an Old
French Carol"

Léon Roques