

**Faith Church**  
**Order of Worship: 8:30 am Service**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\* Advent Candle Lighting - Love (Dave and Marj Pond)**

Reader: For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

**People: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.**

Reader: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**People: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Reader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**People: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

**\*Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn- UM Hymnal #224, *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (all)**

## **Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Offering & Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology and Thanksgiving**

**\*Statement of Faith:** UM Hymnal #880, *The Nicene Creed*

**\*Hymn:** UM Hymnal #242, *Love Came Down at Christmas* (all)

#### **Unison Prayer of Illumination:**

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

**Scripture:** Luke 2:8-20

**Sermon:** "Love from the Light"

#### **Communion**

**\*Hymn:** UM Hymnal #219, *What Child Is This* (all)

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**