

December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude Song

“Mountain Air” composer Jason Tonioli

Christina Canning

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Moville United Methodist Church.
I am Pastor Jill Clem and I am so happy you are joining me today.
As we worship, I hope you will feel the presence of God

Announcements

Gathering Words

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Love

Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vss. 1, 4, 6 & 7)
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1. *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4. *O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers' silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

6. *O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

7. *O come, Desire of nations bind
all people in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Unison Call to Worship

We count it in mere hours now.

Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.

**Soon the Light will shine in the darkness,
soon the baby will be born.**

**Soon God will once again break into our lives,
coming in a way that is expected yet unusual,
challenging our expectations
and calling us to see life differently.**

Opening Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song

Love Came Down at Christmas – No. 242
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*1 Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.*

*2 Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?*

*3 Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor,
love for plea and gift and sign.*

Words of Preparation

Scripture – Luke 2:1-5 (New Living Translation)

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ²(This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

Message

“How Do We Get to Bethlehem?”

Pastor Jill

Responsive Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your amazing plan of redemption and the precision timing and interlinking events that caused the Christ child to be born in Bethlehem, so that words that were spoken by prophets of old would be carried out for Your greater glory and the salvation of all who have trusted Christ for the forgiveness of sin and life everlasting. Amen.

Special Music*I Wonder as I Wander**Lisa Fouts*

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Thank you for joining us for our 4th Sunday of Advent worship service. We hope you will join us online for our Christmas Eve worship service that will be available to view on December 24th on our You Tube channel, website and Facebook page.

Blessing