# West Hills Church Worship Guide

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

## Welcome

## **Call to Worship**

## Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem

## Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Christ, by highest heaven adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, th'incarnate Deity: Pleased, as man, with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace Hail the Sun of righteousness Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth

Angels We Have Heard on High Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains

# Glory Gloria Glory Gloria Glory Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King

See Him a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise Mary Joseph lend your aid While our hearts in love we raise

## **Advent Candle Lighting: Love**

Light the Light the Fire of Life Light the light, the fire of life Let the candle reveal his glory Jesus Christ has come to earth And for us shall come again

Light the candle of his hope Light the light of the prophet's story Light the candle of his hope Light the light we all must hold

Light the candle of his peace Light the light of angels singing Light the candle of his peace, Light the light that shone that night

Light the candle of his joy, Light the light of shepherds coming Light the candle of his joy, Light the light that shows the way.

Light the candle of his love Light the light of Bethlehem's stable Light the candle of his love Light the light by which we see

## **Family Ministry Moment**

#### Scripture: Isaiah 54:1-10

"Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy,

you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband," says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup> For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations

and settle in their desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup> "Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.

<sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband—

the LORD Almighty is his name the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit a wife who married young,

only to be rejected," says your God.

<sup>7</sup> "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.
<sup>8</sup> In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness

I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup> "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would

never again cover the earth.

So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again.

<sup>10</sup> Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,

yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

#### Sermon: Love

#### **Love Has Come**

Love has come A light in the darkness Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies See all heaven has come to proclaim it Hear how their song of joy arises Love Love Born unto you a Savior Love Love Glory to God on high

#### Love is born

Come share in the wonder Love is God now asleep in the hay See the glow in the eyes of His mother What is the name her heart is saying Love Love Love is the name she whispers Love Love Jesus Immanuel

#### Love has come

He never will leave us Love is life everlasting and free Love is Jesus within and among us Love is the peace our hearts are seeking Love Love Love is the gift of Christmas Love Love Praise to You God on high

## Offering

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Go Tell It On the Mountain Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn

#### Blessing

#### Postlude: Go Tell It on the Mountain