



Order of Worship for Sunday, July 25, 2021

Christmas In July!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Our vision is to be a diverse faith family seeking to love, grow, and serve!

Celebrating July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Centering

***Call to Worship**

Jillian Palia

One: A light shining in the darkness . . .
Many: What could it be?
One: The sound of angels' wings . . .
Many: What could it mean?
One: A baby born in a stable . . .
Many: Who could it be?
One: Come to Bethlehem and see!

Opening Prayer

In Unison

O Wondrous God of the stars, we come to worship with breathless wonder to celebrate again the babe who changed our lives. We hear the names “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Prince of Peace,” and we are in awe. You have touched the earth with your unconditional love. Touch us again— touch our hearts and minds and souls. May we never tire of this story. May we never take it for granted. Make this celebration magical again. Amen.

Morning Christmas Medley **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, verses 1,3** **UMH 240**
 Angels We Have Heard on High, verses 1,3 **UMH 238**

Affirming the Peace Among Us

One: The peace of the Christ Child is with you!
Many: And also with you!

Children's Story

Caroline Christensen

Blessing of the Gifts for St. Louis Crisis Center and the Offerings to Come **Pastor Paige**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Paige

Scripture Readings

Luke 2:1-7

Pastor Paige

Luke 2:8-12

Julian Nunes

Luke 2:12-20

Pastor Paige

Preparing Our Hearts

Message

“The Gifts we Gave and Received”

Mbs of Youth Mission Team

Response to the Word

God, we see your light shining in the darkness.
We hear the Christmas Angels.
We behold your promises fulfilled
in the birth of this wondrous child.
May this magical story become real in our lives.

*Sending Song

“Joy to the World”, verses 1, 2, 4

UMH 246

*Shared Benediction

Pastor: Go forth from this place an awakened people, aware of the world’s darkness, yet reaching for the light.

People: We see Christ at work in our world, and that makes all the difference.

Pastor: Go forth from this place a serving people, sensing anew the pain so many bear, yet confident God will bring healing, sometimes through you and I.

People: We open ourselves as channels of God’s grace, for we have heard good news and we have been empowered to share it.

Pastor: Amen.

People: Amen!

Postlude

*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!
May you feel the blessing of, Emmanuel, Christ with Us, this week,
as you live and serve.*

