



December 20, 2020

I'm Dreaming of a
Loving Christmas

Silent Meditation

*God is love! Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is Non-judgemental.
Love has no ego. Love is God.*

Prelude

O Loving Founder of the Stars

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***O loving founder of the stars,
To all of faith light without end,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
To earnest prayers your mercy lead.***

***As Savior from the heavens forth,
When earth draws near its final hour,
You from the virgin mother's womb
Appeared in love's redeeming power.***

***O Christ, who braved earth's deepest pain,
All kneeling low your name adore;
All heaven and earth your name confess
And praise you, Sovereign, evermore.***

Welcome to Worship

*One: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
ALL: **We welcome you here.***

Opening Comments

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship

One: This morning we dream of Love.

ALL: Not the “dreamy” love we thought about as teenagers.

One: We are speaking of the Love that God has graced each one of us with.

ALL: Let us love one another and share God’s essence.

One: Let us even love those who might be more difficult to love.

ALL: Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them.

God, please help us to experience your love today so we can embody it for others as we go through this Advent season - and onward. Amen.

Children’s Time

Rev. Chelsea Page

↑*Opening Song with Creche photos*

*O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Pam Ericksen and Matt Mortensen*

Lighting of Advent Wreath at home: Light the first and second purple candles, then the pink candle, and finally the last purple candle.

Light the first three candles.

Speaker 1: This Advent we are doing lots of dreaming.

Speaker 2: The fourth Advent candle is a candle for Love.

Speaker 3: We light this candle this morning with our eyes on Love for all beings and creatures in our world.

(light fourth candle)

ALL: We are dreaming of a Loving Christmas.

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Reflection Song

Love Grows at Christmas

Jeannine D. Lasky

One Voice Children’s Choir

Reflection “I’m Dreaming of a Loving Christmas”

Rev. Marijke Rossi

Closing Song

Shine for Me Again, Star of Bethlehem

Daniel Carter

Mindy Pack

Live Service

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the Community

(If you would like to offer a prayer of gratitude or concern for someone or some situation please comment when you join the live service. Please use first names for security. The congregation will respond to each prayerful offering with the following words:

“Together with God, we hear your prayers.”)

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus Prayer

***Our Creator who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,
Your reign come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Yours is the reign, the power, and glory for ever. Amen.***

↑Words of Mission and Benediction



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