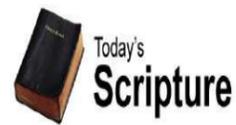


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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
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OFFERING SONG *What Child is This*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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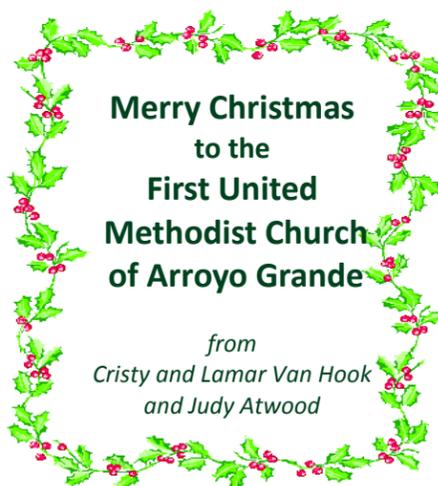


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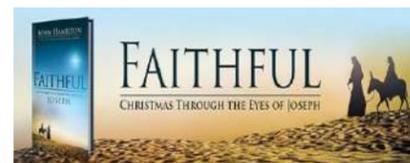
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 To be filled with laughter and to cry with joy, not sorrow?
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 The Spirit's love has called us here.

*OPENING CAROL *Joy to the World* No. 246

OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of God, fall upon us this day.
 Bless us and prepare us
 to witness to your light.
 Shine upon us and through us,
 that we may recognize your presence
 and carry it forth into the world.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *A Song in the Air* Raney

ADVENT CANDLE BLESSING/PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nursery care is available.
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A TIME OF PRAYER

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Invitation to the Offering
Offertory *Pastorale (from Messiah)* G. F. Handel
*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

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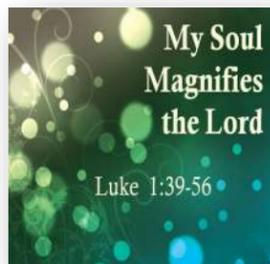
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*BENEDICTION

We are those who dream.
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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 238
Refrain

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Virgil Fox



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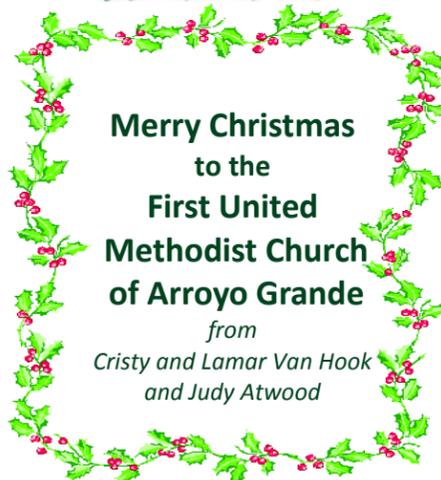


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