

**Order of Worship**  
**Evening Worship**  
**December 6, 2020**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 16:7-9

**Hymn #200 – It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

<sup>1</sup>It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heav'n's all-gracious King";  
the world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

<sup>2</sup>Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

<sup>3</sup>And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing.

<sup>4</sup>For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever-circling years  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

**Invocation**

**Scripture Reading:** I Samuel 2:27-36

**Hymn #216 – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

<sup>1</sup> Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

<sup>2</sup>Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.  
Christ the babe was born for you.

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 1:9-14

**Title:** Hope

**Sermon Outline**

I. The Vision of Hope (9-11)

A. Disciples

B. Angels

II. The Place of Hope (12-13a)

A. Jerusalem

B. Upper room

III. The Activity of Hope (13b-14)

A. Who they were

B. What they did

## Hymn #224 – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain:*

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

<sup>1</sup>While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

### Benediction

<sup>2</sup>The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain*

<sup>3</sup>Down in a lowly manger  
our humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain*