

Welcome to Worship!

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018



Angels Among Us

#DoNotBeAfraid #morepeace

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Welcome week two of our Advent worship series "Angels Among Us #donotbeafraid!" Today we hear Luke's story of the angel Gabriel's message to Mary, announcing she will be the mother of the son of the Most High. "Do not be afraid" she is told. Today, we hear the reassuring words spoken to us "do not be afraid" for nothing is impossible with God.



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*Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo...**Come as you are, be inspired, explore faith, connect with God, join together, and help others.** We believe that God's grace is always actively working in our lives. God seeks us out, inviting us into a deeper relationship through Jesus Christ, and helps us grow in our love for God and neighbor our whole lives long. We're glad you're joining us on this journey today! As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. If you are a first time guest, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to fellowship hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants thru age five.*

Prelude

Barb Kell, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Procession (sung twice through)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Introit

"Angels Among Us"

The Band

Opening Prayer

Holy living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

May the light of peace shine within us this day.

Grant us openness to hear your message.

Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more peace in the midst of fear.

†Passing the Peace

†Advent Hymn

"The King of Glory Comes"

The Faith We Sing #2091

Young Messengers of the Church

Special Music

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

The Band

Steve Getsinger (Narrator) & Joyce Burgess (Angel)

Angel: ... God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David, and He will reign over the covenant family of Jacob forever.

Mary: **But I have never been with a man. How can this be possible?**

Narrator: ... you know your relative Elizabeth has been unable to bear children and is now far too old to be a mother. Yet she has become pregnant, *as God willed it*. Yes, in three months, she will have a son. So the impossible is possible with God.

Mary (deciding in her heart): **Here I am, the Lord’s humble servant. As you have said, let it be done to me.**

Narrator: ... How fortunate you are, Mary, for you believed that what the Lord told you would be fulfilled. And Mary responded:

Mary: **My soul lifts up the Lord! My spirit celebrates God, my Liberator! For though I’m God’s humble servant, God has noticed me. Now and forever, I will be considered blessed by all generations. For the Mighty One has done great things for me; holy is God’s name!**

Narrator: From generation to generation, God’s lovingkindness endures for those who revere Him. God’s arm has accomplished mighty deeds.

Congregation: **The proud in mind and heart, God has sent away in disarray. The rulers from their high positions of power, God has brought down low. And those who were humble and lowly, God has elevated with dignity.**

Narrator: The hungry—God has filled with fine food. The rich—God has dismissed with nothing in their hands.

Congregation: **To Israel, God’s servant, God has given help, as promised to our ancestors, remembering Abraham and his descendants in mercy forever.**

Narrator: Mary stayed with Elizabeth *in Judea* for the next three months and then returned to her home *in Galilee*.

Sung Response to the Word

“You Are Mine”

The Faith We Sing #2218 (refrain)

**Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.**

Sermon

Nothing is Impossible: #morepeace

Offering

†Offering Response *(Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

†Prayer of Dedication
God of peace and possibility, we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.

Call to Prayer & Unison Affirmation of Faith (by Janet Brice)
I believe in angels, though I've never seen an angel's face
I've experienced their guidance, in many a time and place.

Prayers of the People
(After concerns spoken aloud...) We hear the message of God: **Do not be afraid.**
(After all joys spoken aloud...) For all who proclaim your reign on earth, we join their refrain: **Do not be afraid.**
(Pastoral prayer continues followed by The Lord's Prayer)

†Christmas Carol *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*
The U.M. Hymnal #238

†Closing Words

†Angel Hymn *"Angels Everywhere"* (words by Janet Brice)
Tune: The Church's One Foundation, The U.M. Hymnal #545
Seek Angels in the workplace, wherever it may be.
Seek angels in your church and home, in friends and family.
Seek angels in the strangers, that you meet everywhere.
You may be entertaining, an angel unaware.

†Postlude *† = Please rise if you are able*

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Worship Musician Barb Kell
Thank you to the Band for providing special music!