

9.00am Service

- ## ALTAR MINISTRY

If you would, do give our Pastors and us an opportunity to be introduced to you personally. We shall be pleased to pray with you should you need someone to do so with you at the end of the service.

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*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."*

Psalms 46: 10

PRELUDE

(Quiet meditation and private prayer)

WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE OF GOD

** Indicates Congregation to stand, if able.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
Behold the King of glory waits
The King of kings is drawing near
The Saviour of the world is here
Fling wide the portals of your heart
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ
Adorned with prayer, praise, love and joy!

* OPENING ADVENT HYMN Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates UMH 213

* OPENING PRAYER *[Unison]*

Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ, Son of God, we praise and adore You. May
Your Spirit come afresh upon us that we may worthily praise and worship
You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* ACTS OF PRAISE There is a higher throne Lord I lift Your name on high Shout to the Lord, what a beautiful name

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(in unison led by the Scripture Reader)*

O Lord, we pray that You graciously open our ears, eyes and heart to receive Your Word that You long to give and feed us with that we, nourished by Your Word may follow You more faithfully and always live for You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON : Luke 1:18-25; 1:26-38; 2:1-7 NT 990

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
UMH 196

SERMON Prepare to Tell your Christmas Story!
by Rev Ting Moy Hong

ALPHA 2019 SOFT LAUNCH

RESPONSE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

* ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"**
(Written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing - www.stephenmfearing.com)

* **GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(Led by Pastor)*

OFFERTORY

PARISH NEWS

* **DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF OUR OCTOGENARIANS AND
NONAGENARIANS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.**