



## *Christmas Eve 2020*

### Prelude

**O come, O come Emmanuel  
Christmas Medley**

Wichita Guitar Ensemble

### Welcome & Opening Prayer

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

### Call to Worship & Candle Lighting

Stephanie Gehring, Magdalena Wenger

ONE: Friends, hope is:

**ALL: "Being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." <sup>1</sup>  
(Light the candle of hope)**

ONE: Peace is:

**ALL: The wolf lying down with the lamb. A gift we can give each other.  
(Light the candle of peace)**

ONE: Joy is:

**ALL: The space between our breath and our laughter—contagious.  
(Light the candle of joy)**

ONE: Love is:

**ALL: Unquenchable, never-ending, born in a manger, here today.  
(Light the candle of love)**

ONE: Christmas is:

**ALL: A love song to the world. The light that shines in the darkness.  
Let us make a joyful noise! Let us worship God.  
(Light the Christ candle)**

*Hymn – HWB 201 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Jonathan & Magdalena Wenger

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Tonya Ramer Wenger

Scripture – Luke 2:1-20

Magdalena Wenger

**THE WORLD'S CHILD ... *Christmas Stories Inspired by the Jewish Midrash Tradition***  
(written by Sarah Are)

**Joseph's Story**

Russell Goering

*Hymn – HWB 206 Infant holy, infant lowly*

**Mary's Story**

Julie Goering

*Lo how a rose*

Sadie Nisly, piano

**A Shepherd's Story**

Tyler Gehring

*Hymn – HWB 199 The First Noel*

**Prayer of Dedication for the Baby Bundles**

Tonya Ramer Wenger

*We offer Infant Care Kits tonight to be distributed around the world through the ministry of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Thank you for your generous donations to cover the cost of these kits.*

*In Dulce Jubilo*

Wichita Guitar Ensemble

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

Tonya, Jonathan, Magdalena Wenger

*Hymn – HWB 193 Silent Night*

Magdalena Wenger, guitar

*... with candle lighting ...*

**Benediction**

1 – Quote by Desmond Tutu

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**Wichita Guitar Ensemble:** Howard Glanton, Drew Patton, Elliot Ray, Daniel Wampler, Magdalena Wenger

**Worship Leaders:** Tonya Ramer Wenger, Stephanie Gehring, Magdalena Wenger

**Song Leaders:** Jonathan & Magdalena Wenger

**Joseph's Story:** Russell Goering

**Mary's Story:** Julie Goering

**A Shepherd's Story:** Tyler Gehring

**Piano:** Tonya Ramer Wenger

**Live Stream:** Jonathan Wenger, Micah Wenger

**Sound:** Jay Gehring

*Merry Christmas!!*