



Through Him, All Things by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by John 1:1-14 | Block print with oil-based ink over gouache painting

*From Generation to Generation...
God Dwells With Us*

Christmas Day 2022
First Mennonite Church * Hutchinson KS
GATHERING IN...

Prelude

Grounding Moment: "Everywhere and Always"

(a poem written by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Gathering Words & Announcements

Call to Worship

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* VT 249

PRAYING...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, ...

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing hope.

Holy God, ...

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing peace.

Holy God, ...

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing joy.

Holy God, ...

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing love.

Words of Forgiveness

Extended Passing of the Peace & Time for Celebration

HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* VT 241

LISTENING...

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination & Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-21

Poetic Reading of John 1:1-15

Meditation

RESPONDING...

Affirmation of Faith

Like Mary,

we believe in cherishing good news.

Like the angels,

we believe in singing God's praise.

Like the shepherds,

we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.

Like generations before,

we believe that God is with us.

Like the generations to come,

we believe that God is with us.

God is here. God is love.

We believe. Thanks be to God!

HYMN *Still, Still, Still* VT 264

Creative Prayers of the People with Music for Meditation

Closing Prayer

SENDING...

HYMN *Go Tell It on the Mountain* VT 252

Benediction
Postlude

Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering
Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Nursery: Russell & Julie Goering
Piano: Peggy Stucky
Worship/Song Leaders: Magdalena Wenger, Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Children's Time: Pastor Tonya
Scripture Readers: Cheryl Warkentin, Magdalena Wenger, Reuben Wenger
Meditation: Pastor Tonya

Words for Worship: *Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / Sanctifiedart.org.*

Merry Christmas!

From generation to generation,
God keeps drawing near.
From generation to generation,
a light has shone in the darkness.
From generation to generation,
God's love has moved through the world like our connection in this room
and beyond.
So may we celebrate that.
May we rest in the joy of this day,
and may we allow it to change us.

Go in peace.
God is with you every step of the way.



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