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“The Visitation” attributed to Master Heinrich of Constance, ca. 1310-20.
Paint and gilding on Walnut. This scene depicts Mary’s visit to Elizabeth from Luke’s gospel.
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Staff & Participants in Today’s Service

Pastor: Rev. Jared M. Hamilton Administrator: Jody Ciano
Pastor Intern: Andi Lloyd Flowers: Anne Donegan
Musicians: Sammy Angstman, Rufus, Betsy & Amy Patrick and Joanne Russell
The Hinesburg Artist Series & Amy Sens of the United Church of Christ
Reader: Barbara Herrington

Order of Worship

Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 10:00am – The Second Sunday in Advent
 Sunday morning Livestream/Podcast
[Bold] print invites congregational participation

Prelude “O Star of County Down” Amy Sen

Greeting and Welcome

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

A voice cries in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.

Lift up every valley; lower every mountain. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

Come, let us prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Reading from the Gospels Mark 1:1-8

Music Meditation “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hinesburg Artists Series

Lighting of the Advent Candles “Peace”

Psalm Antiphon **Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.**

Lesson from the Psalms Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

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Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to The Lord’s Table

Prayer of Confession

God of Life, you promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.

But we forget, and yield to fear.

You come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time.

We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises.

We confess that we are a divided people.

We foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world.

Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence.

Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage.

Through Jesus Christ who comes to save. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your soul.

Lift up your hearts.

We life them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Glory of our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator of the universe. In the beginning your glory covered the surface of the waters. Out of your glory the heavens and the earth were created, light swept away darkness and dry land was formed. All living things were called into being and you made humanity in your image, participants, though imperfect, in your glory.

We praise you and thank you for your glory revealed to us in creation.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old you appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make you the ancestor of many nations. No longer will your name be Abram but Abraham, the ancestor of many people. I will establish an everlasting covenant with you and your offspring after you, and throughout their generations I will be their God."

We praise you and thank you for your glory revealed to us in covenant.

When Moses was keeping a flock in the wilderness, your glory appeared to him like a burning bush. You said, "I have seen the misery of my people in a foreign land and I know their sufferings. I have come down to deliver them from Egypt to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey. I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of oppression."

We praise you and thank you for your glory revealed to us in the liberation of your people.

When Elijah went into the wilderness to flee the persecution of Ahab and Jezebel, he was very afraid and he asked to die. But you appeared to him, not as a mighty wind, not as a great earthquake and not as a roaring fire. Out of the silence, you spoke softly to Elijah as a still small voice to comfort your prophet and call him to his work.

We praise you and thank you for your glory revealed in your care and calling for us.

Your glory was revealed in the life of Jesus. By his works and teachings we celebrate your actions to end violence, restore health, and uplift the poor and oppressed. Even today, we pray as Jesus taught us saying,

The Prayer of our Savior

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Your glory was apparent in a new way on top of the mountain. There, Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus transfigured before them and saw his true nature revealed. Later, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the people shouted, "Hosanna in the highest heaven," your glory was palpable. But then, at a small meal in small room, your glory was different. On that night Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and said to his disciples, "Take this and eat it; this is my body given for you." Then he took a cup, blessed it and said, "Take this and

divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that I will not drink of this cup again until the realm of God comes.” We know that later that night Jesus was betrayed into the hands of those that wished to kill him and on the next day, he was crucified. In the death of Jesus, it appeared that Your glory had been extinguished and the light that his disciples saw on the mountain was only a dream. But through the resurrection we see your glory most fully – a glory that is able to throw off violence and conquer death. In the risen Christ we see the radiance of your glory and the exact representation of your nature manifest for the changing of this world.

We praise you and thank you for your glory revealed in the ministry of Jesus.

We praise you and thank you for your glory revealed in the risen Christ.

Communion Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seekers, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have accepted us as your own in Christ Jesus and you have nourished us with this spiritual food. Strengthen us in your resurrection power until we see your final glory at last, when all things are changed and made new. Amen.

Service of the Word

Reading of the Gospels

“The Magnificat”

Luke 1:39-55

Homily

“Like Mother, Like Son”

Music Meditation

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Service of Morning Prayer

Reading of the Epistles

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Pastoral Prayer and Moment of Silence

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Amen.

Prayer for the offering

Benediction

Postlude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”