

FUMCOG'S Annual Candlelight Service

Sounds of Peace

Our Musicians

<u>Sopranos</u>	<u>Altos</u>	<u>Tenors</u>	<u>Basses</u>
Katrina Dignum*	Clarita Krall	Dale Stahl	Tom McLoughlin*
Beverly Lucas	Tatiyanna Hayward*	Michael Yancey*	David Hill
Macy Stephens	Jenny Prince	Larry Young	Matt Lista
	Anne Toensmeier		

*Denotes Quintet members

Instrumentalists

Jodi Bohr, organ & piano	Sofiya Solomyanskaya, violin
Janet Tebbel, carillon	Hojin Joung, violin
Emma Rolecki, saxophone	Jaylon Hayes-Keller, viola
Elliot Beck, drums	Yohannna Heyer, cello

Tech

Geo Andujar
John Bustard
Dan Ross

Readers

Robert Bauer
John Chapman
Tamia Walker

Readers

Rev. Stephen Heilakka
Rev. Alisa Wailoo
Kristen Pinder

Directed by Adrianna Barnett*

PEACE WITHOUT YOUR WALLS

Cover Art by Lauren Wright Pitman, Inspired by Psalm 122 | acrylic & ink on canvas

We seem to often disagree about how to achieve peace and security for ourselves, our families, and our communities, and about who is deserving of such well-being. Those who have realized even a baseline sense of peace and security can quickly forget what it was like to be without. We separate ourselves with walls and isolate ourselves within towers. We worship and exist with people like us because it feels safe. We hoard peace and security as though they are finite resources, and elevate our own above that of other nations. We pray for ourselves, even if our answered prayers result in our neighbor's harm. This self-focused ideology is becoming increasingly pervasive in the United States, and it is finding strong-holds in other countries, too. Powerful people appeal to this inward-turning gaze, stoking fears and encouraging division. As we know from the news and the growing volatility at our borders, there are many who have become refugees.

When I began to paint this piece, I kept wondering how walls and peace can coexist. But if we realize true shalom there would be no need for walls or towers. For me, peace looks like open doors leading from stone walls into a field of poppies; like flowers scaling walls and bringing barriers down; like arms open to the difficult work of welcoming peace and open to receiving the boundless gifts of a truly peaceful world.



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Program

Carillon Prelude

In The Bleak Midwinter

Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Pifa (Pastoral Symphony) from Messiah

Variations on “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Janet Tebbel, Carillonneur

Gustav Holst, arr. R. Giszczak

Speier hymnal, arr. A. Gerken

Zoltan Kodaly, arr. G. Bodden

G. F. Handel, arr. A. Kroezen

Picardy, arr. J. Harvey

Piano Prelude

Divinum Mysterium

arr. by Larry Shackley

Jodi Bohr

Welcome

Rev. Stephen Heilakka

Where is Peace?

“*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*”

FUMCOG Choir

Reading #1: Revelation 21:1-4

Robert Bauer

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

All

UMH 211 verses 1, 4, 6, 7

Reading#2: Luke 3:3-9

John Chapman

“*Kyrie Noel*”

Katrina Dignum

by Adrianna Barnett

“*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*”

FUMCOG Choir

by Undine Smith Moore

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

All

UMH 221

What is Peace?

Reading #3: Peace Is...

Katrina Dignum

by Adrianna Barnett, Jodi Bohr

Michael Yancey

text by Celeste Zappala

“Angelus ad pastores ait”

Quintet

by Rafealla Alleotti

Reading #4: from Black Liturgies

Tamia Walker

by Cole Arthur Riley

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

All

UMH 218 verses 1, 2, 4

Reading #5: Sometimes

Rev. Stephen Heilakka

by Mary Oliver

“*Peace I Leave with You*”

FUMCOG Choir

by Amy Beach

We are Peace

Reading #6: Think of Others by Mahoud Darwish

Rev. Alisa Wailoo

Translated by Mohammed Shaheen

Invitation to Offering

“*Silent Night*”

FUMCOG Choir

by Thomas Whitfield & Brandon Waddles

Reading #7: Isaiah 9:6

Kristen Pinder

“*Entre nosotros nace un Dios*” (*For Unto Us a Child is Born*)

FUMCOG Choir

by Frederic Handel

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

All

UMH 240 verses 1, 2, 3

Reading #8: Psalm 122:1-2, 6-7

“*A New Jerusalem Arise*”

FUMCOG Choir

by Kyle Pederson

Sending Forth

Pastor Alisa Wailoo

Postlude

Joy to the World

Jodi Bohr

by G.F. Handel, arr. by David Lantz III

We would like to thank everyone involved in the success of this year's candlelight service: Pastor Alisa, for her guidance and aid in spiritual and logistical planning; Yancey, our office manager for crafting our program; FUMCOG's tech and lighting teams that continue to enable folks to experience our services both in-person and at home with ease; Jan for her lively carillon playing; Jodi for her consistent musical leadership and immense help in programming for this year's service; and Adri for her vision, direction, and infectious exuberance! And a final thank you to FUMCOG and the greater Germantown community for continuing to support music's profound impact on worship.