

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Sunday • 10:00 am

Worship Coordinator

Sound Engineer

Michael

Welcome

A Moment to Feel God's Presence

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle - Love

One: We have lit three candles – for hope, for peace, and for joy.

Today we light the fourth candle – the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.

Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Praise & Worship

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

Community/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Annie Ross

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be

We give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You.

We are an offering, we are an offering.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Message

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

Holy Communion

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices ...

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Consecration (Blessing of the Elements)

Invitation to the Table

Distribution of the Elements

We use a small wafer & grape juice.

Please respect those around you and engage in silent meditation.

-- Thank You --

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please let your server know at the time of communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Annie Ross

Closing Blessing *

“We now go forth in faith with this intention:

- To **Worship** wherever we are
- By being **God's Word** made flesh,
- Living the **Oneness** that we are,
- Celebrating **Wonder** everywhere,
- And bearing **Witness** through love.

And so it is. And so it shall be. Amen. “

Parting Song *

“I Need You to Survive”

Program Subject to Change

* Please rise as you are able.

“Awesome”

My God is Awesome, He can move mountains,
Keep me in the valley, Hide me from the rain,
My God is Awesome, Heals me when I'm broken,
Strength where I've been weakened, Forever He will reign... (repeat)

My God Is Awesome, Awesome, Awesome, Awesome.

“Mary, Did You Know”

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?

Did you know

That your baby boy has come to make you new?

And this child that you've delivered

Will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?

Did you know

That your baby boy has walked where angels trod?

And when you kiss your little baby

You've kissed the face of God?

Oh, Mary, did you know?

Mary, did you know? The blind will see

The deaf will hear And the dead will live again

The lame will leap The dumb will speak

The praises of the lamb.

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know

That your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?

And this sleeping child you're holding

Is the great I am!

At Imani MCC, and at MCCs throughout the world, we serve an open communion. Everyone is welcome at the Table of God.

"I Need You to Survive" (Closing Song)

I need you, You need me,
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, Agree with me,
We're all a part of God's body.
It is his will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me.
I need you to survive.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- Wednesday: 7:00pm-8:15pm - Bible Study
- Thursday: 1:00pm-5:00 pm - Open Office Hours
- Saturday: 12:00pm-2:00pm - Voices of Imani rehearsal

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Let's remember to "keep first things first" this week!

*"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or
'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'
But seek first [God's] kingdom and [God's] righteousness, and all
these things will be added to you. "
Matthew 6:31, 33 (NASB)*

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*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen. " - Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)*

worship, word, oneness, wonder and witness.

Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express God's irresistible love through

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of things hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen. " - Hebrews 11:1**



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**WE WELCOME YOU TO IMANI MCC.
YOU MAY BE NEW TO US, BUT
YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD.**