



**Worship Service for December 29, 2024**  
**Guest Speaker: Mary Davis**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Amie Friday
<b>Welcome</b>	Amie Friday
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Mary Davis
<b>Praise and Worship Song</b>	Congregation
<b>“We Light A Candle”</b>	

We light a candle for hope  
and our world that’s longing for hope  
We light a candle for hope  
and our world that’s longing for hope Holy One,  
shine with the fire of our lives oh

We light a candle for hope  
and our world that’s longing for hope

We light a candle for love  
and our world that’s longing for love  
We light a candle for love

and our world that's longing for love Holy One,  
shine with the fire of our lives oh  
We light a candle for love  
and our world that's longing for love

We light a candle for joy  
and our world that's longing for joy  
We light a candle for joy  
and our world that's longing for joy Holy One,  
shine with the fire of our lives oh  
We light a candle for joy  
and our world that's longing for joy

We light a candle for peace  
and our world that's longing for peace  
We light a candle for peace  
and our world that's longing for peace Holy One,  
shine with the fire of our lives oh  
We light a candle for peace  
and our world that's longing for peace

## **Announcements**

Amie Friday

## **Call to Worship**

Amie Friday

LEADER: In Advent, we watch and wait in wakeful alertness.

**ALL: We welcome the life of Jesus, who was sent into the world to embody divine truths.**

LEADER: We greet the Holy One, who transforms our hearts into living temples.

**ALL: We walk the path of discipleship and mission with unwavering devotion and commitment.**

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

**ALL: Remind us of our divine essence and holy calling to love one and all.**

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's presence birthing new life in our midst.

**ALL: Welcome, Holy One! Move in and through us! Make yourself known to us! May your light and love blossom in our lives.**

**\*Hymn**

Marshall Davies

## TNCH #43 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling,  
all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love impart.  
Visit us with your salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, your new creation;  
pure and spotless may we prove;  
Let us see your great salvation  
Perfectly restored in you;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place.  
Crowned as saints,  
we ever shall be  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Gathering Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to walk the path of hope, peace, joy, and love. We put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. Help us devote our lives to alleviating suffering and bringing peace to our world.**

**Amen**

**Biblical Witness**

Amie Friday

Psalm 100:4

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Holy One, and bless God's Spirit.

## Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

### **Contemporary Witness**

Mary Davis

Taken from Meditations For Women Who Do Too Much  
by Anne Wilson Schaefer  
August 6 “Gratitude”

*Big Blue Mountain Spirit,  
The home made of blue clouds...  
I am grateful for that mode of goodness there.  
—Apache chant*

### **Reflection**

Mary Davis

“Living In Gratitude”

### **Special Music**

Marshall Davies

Duetto No. 3 in G Major, BMV 806  
by Johann Sebastian Bach

**Invitation to Offering**

Amie Friday

Gender Infinity

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**Offertory Prayer**

Amie Friday

**ALL: Holy One, we commit what we have offered to help sow seeds of hope, peace, joy, and love in the world. Bless now these offerings. May they be used in the service of your divine light.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #126 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" vs. 1, 2, & 3

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
As you sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, give thanks and sing.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, give thanks and sing.

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam a-far;  
Seek the great Desire of Nations,  
Guided by Christ's natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, give thanks and sing.

**Benediction**

Mary Davis

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

TNCH # 154 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Go tell it on the mountain,



over the hill and everywhere.

Go tell the mountain,

that Jesus Christ is born!

(x2)

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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