Longest Night

First United Methodist Church
December 21, 2019
6:00 PM | Facebook Live



First United Methodist Church 901 North Kings Highway Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

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Call to Worship Rev. Dark

Opening Prayer

Canticle of Light and Darkness (responsive reading)

We look for light but find darkness, for brightness, but walk in gloom.

We grope like those who have no eyes;

we stumble at noon as in the twilight.

You are the light of the world; be light in our darkness, O Christ.

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you, the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

You are the light of the world; be light in our darkness, O Christ.

Blessed be your name, O God, for ever. You reveal deep and mysterious things; you are light and in you is no darkness.

Our darkness is passing away and already the true light is shining.

You are the light of the world; be light in our darkness, O Christ.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dark

Lord's Prayer

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.

In the bleak mid-winter, icy wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow on snow had fallen, snow on snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered here, cherubim and seraphim rising in the air; Oh, but only Mary, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a mother's kiss.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord almighty, Jesus Christ.

What then can I give him, empty as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would know my part; what then can I can give him: I must give my heart.

Scripture Reading

John 13:1

Rev. Dark

Homily

"He Loved Them to the End"

Rev. Howle

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

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What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Benediction

Rev. Dark

Ministers

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle Rev. Meredith M. Dark Musician
Grant Nesmith, Guitar

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December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion | All services

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5PM*
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