CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 22, 2024 ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: David Epp Candlelighters: Ang Brenneman & Anita Epp Song Leader: Ann Koop Hunsberger Pianist: Emily Rempel Visuals: Kathy Fast Ushers: Ron & Wendy Dueck Speaker: Lisa Enns Scripture Reader: Cindy Peters Storyteller: Laura Thiessen Prayer: Jonathan Neufeld Technician: Kent Haase

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Embodying God's Spirit: Who lends a hand?

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Introductions

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is with us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Can you conceive it?

People: It's real! It's right now! It's right here!

Leader: Come young, come old. Let us worship in the name of Jesus,

All: for nothing will be impossible with God!

Song: VT 129 O Worship Our God

Candlelighting

Reader 1: Mary was told that she would be the mother to the promised Messiah.

- Reader 2: And she responded, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said."
- Reader 1: With the courage of Mary, we can accept the journey ahead of us.
- Reader 2: But we do not need to walk it alone.
- Reader 1: We need the support of others.

(lighting of the four Advent candles)

All: With Christ as our centre, we join hands with others, walking together on the journey.

Song: VT 23 Come, Walk with Us (drummer, Daniel De Ryck)

WE LISTEN FOR A WORD

Story & Children's Offering Song: VT 221 *The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed* Solo: Lynette Wiebe; harp: Ruth Schroeder Scripture: Luke 1:26-45 (see insert) Sermon: "A Story of Miraculous Conceptions"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Song: VT 225 *We Come* Silent Reflection on Offering Sharing [livestream muted] & Prayer (adapted from prayer by John Birch and MC Canada's Advent Prayers in a time of Climate Change)

Announcements

WE GO OUT

Sending Song: VT 274 See Whose Glory Fills the Skies Benediction

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