

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, December 27, 2020

11:00 am: Worship Service -

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5xlvL4Y4xhZANvkKpN_NCw?view_as=subscriber)

Worship Leader: Jeff Friesen
Music: Velma Braun, Emily Rempel

Speaker: Karen Schellenberg
Technicians: Daniel Friesen

❧ *Christmas I* ❧

On the Road to Rejoicing

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

Leader: Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens, and in the high places;
all you great cloud of witnesses, praise the LORD.

**People: Sun and moon, and star strewn cosmos;
edges of the universe, and echoes of creation,
praise the LORD!**

Leader: Praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded and they were created;

**People: who set them in place for ever and ever;
who gave them order which will never fade away.**

Hymn HWB 318 *Joy to the world*

CONFESSING

Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

HEARING THE WORD

Readers Theatre: Luke 2:22-40

Hymn HWB 209 *Oh, how joyfully*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7

Sermon: "The Christmas Story:
characters
tradition
and the Holy Spirit"

RESPONDING

Hymn HWB 210 *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

Offering

A Word of Thanks to Karen Schellenberg on Behalf of the Congregation (Valerie Smith,
Council Chair)

Litany of Thanksgiving and Blessing for Karen (compiled by Karen Guenther)

All: For you, Karen, who walked with us for a short time, this is a thanksgiving.

L: For your warm and generous spirit,
for being compassionate and approachable,

for remembering our names and being attentive to our stories
and for revealing your own story,
for being committed to conveying the biblical stories
and drawing tangible lessons for our lives,
for drawing us together in worship
and comforting us with your prayers in challenging times

All: We thank you.

We offer you this prayer and blessing:

L: God, you are our journey and our end.
Nowhere are we lost when we are with you.
Today we pray for your blessing on Karen.
Inspire in her new responses to your call.
Protect her in uncertainty.
Grant her always the sure knowledge of being your child.

**All: The blessing of the God of Sarah and of Abraham,
the blessing of the Son, born of Mary,
the blessing of the Holy Spirit,
who broods over us as a mother over her children,
be with you as you go.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. Go in Peace.

Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn STS 30 *Arise, your light is come!*

Benediction