

*A Celebration of the Life of
Elizabeth Esther Moulton*

February 9, 1932 to October 21, 2020



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2:00 P.M.

Norwich Congregational Church
Rev. Peter Heinrichs, Interim Pastor
Tacy Colaiacomo, Organist

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: In the Garden

I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses
and the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

Unison Reading of Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with
oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever.

Reading: Luke 2, 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am

bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Homily

Music: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see thee lie
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all on earth

Tributes

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Commendations

Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost
But now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear
And grace my Fears relieved
How precious did
That grace appear
The hour I first believed

Closing Words

Closing Hymn: God be with you til we meet again

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

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The family regrets that during this time and in the current circumstances, where large gatherings are prohibited, we cannot celebrate with you. We very much appreciate the support you have shared with us and Betty over the years and hope a time will come when we can remember and rejoice in the life that God has shared with us all in Betty.

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