December 29, 2019  First Sunday after Christmas  10 am

Theme: Preparing for a New Decade in Christ

Prelude  
* Cold December Flies Away (W. Held)  Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements  
* Rev. Mark Simone

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Introit  
* What Is This Fragrance? (R. Manning)  Ted Rodenborn, soloist

* Call to Worship (Responsive)
  One: A new year has dawned, a new decade begins.
  All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.
  One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.
  All: O Lord, Keep us in Your ways and on Your path.
  One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.
  All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.

* Passing of Peace

* Hymn  
* Joy to the World  No. 143

Scripture  
* A Medley of Good Works for the World  (selected scriptures)

Prayers of the People

* Hymn  
* What Child Is This  No. 162

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* Those who are able stand  **** Worshipers may be seated

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Invitation to Offering Our Lives and Resources

Anthem  
* Sweet Little Jesus Boy (R. MacGimsey)  
  Ted Rodborn, soloist

* Hymn of Dedication  
  The First Noel (v. 5)  
  No. 151
  Then entered in those wise ones three, full reverently upon their knee, 
  and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. 
  Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

* 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 sins, 
  as we forgive those who sin 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.

Scripture  
  Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon  
  Rev. Simone

* Hymn  
  Go Make a Difference

Service Project for Homeless Stand-down

Blessing of Hygiene Kits and Recipients

* Reprise  
  Go Make a Difference (v.1 and chorus)

* Benediction

* Postlude  
  Caravan of the Three Kings (R. Purvis)  
  Marcia Snavely, organ

– Departing to Service –
The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

THE HOMELESS STAND DOWN
SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2020

The Homeless Stand Down (HSD) is a One-Day Event providing access to resources for individuals and families facing poverty and homelessness. The Homeless Stand Down provides individuals, families, and veterans, facing homelessness a day of respite from the elements, renewal of the human spirit, and reconnection to needed services that assist in the totality of human wellness and sustainability.

An estimated 1,500 guests enjoy access to social service providers, haircuts, medical screenings, professional portraits, breakfast and lunch, free winter clothing, personal care kits, bus passes, and much more.

The homeless Stand Down is only possible because of YOU, the congregations, organizations, agencies, corporations, and civic groups that come together to serve the Greater Cleveland Community.

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