

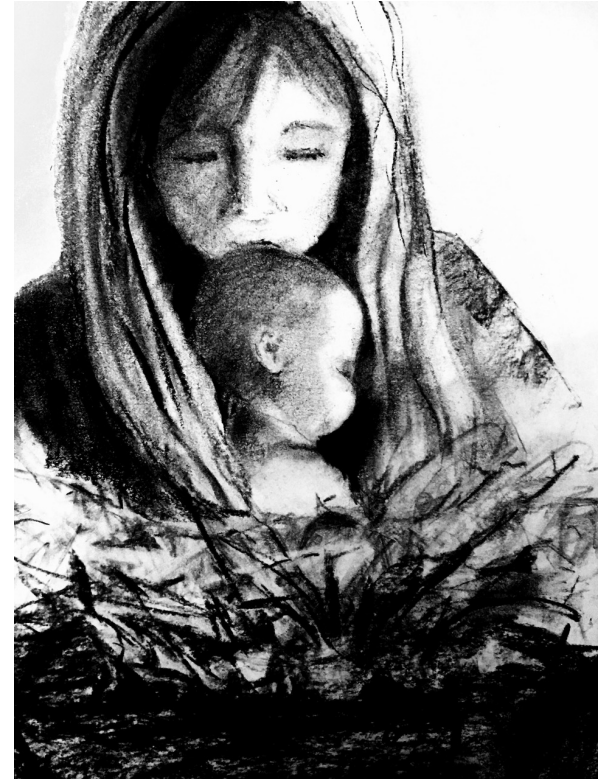
SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

How will we know . . . who knows

December 31st, 2023

"O Come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our king of peace."
Ninth century Latin Hymn



GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship from Isaiah 6:1-11

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon me,
because God has anointed me,
to bring good news to the oppressed.
God has sent me to care for the brokenhearted.

High voices: *We shall rebuild the ancient ruins,
and raise up what was once destroyed.*

Low voices: We shall repair the ruined cities,
the destructive work of many generations.

Leader: For I, Yahweh, love justice.
I detest the powerful taking everything for themselves.

All: **Like green shoots breaking from the earth in due season,
God will cause justice and praise to spring up before all the nations.**

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful **VT 241**

Hymn There Were Angels Hovering Round **VT 251**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Praying with Poetry

Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly **VT 243**

A Word Before the Word

Scripture Luke 2:22-32, 36-38

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn To Us a Child of Hope Is Born **VT 259**

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn Joy to the World **VT 240**

Benediction (on back)

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