

<sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. <sup>20</sup> “Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

<sup>21</sup> So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. <sup>22</sup> But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod’s son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: “He will be called a Nazarene.” (NLT)

Pastor’s Message

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Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory**

\*Doxology “Angels, We Have Heard ... - Chorus” No. 238

\*Offertory Prayer

**The Prayers of the People**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

No. 246

\*Blessing

Postlude

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All of Us

Lay Speaker

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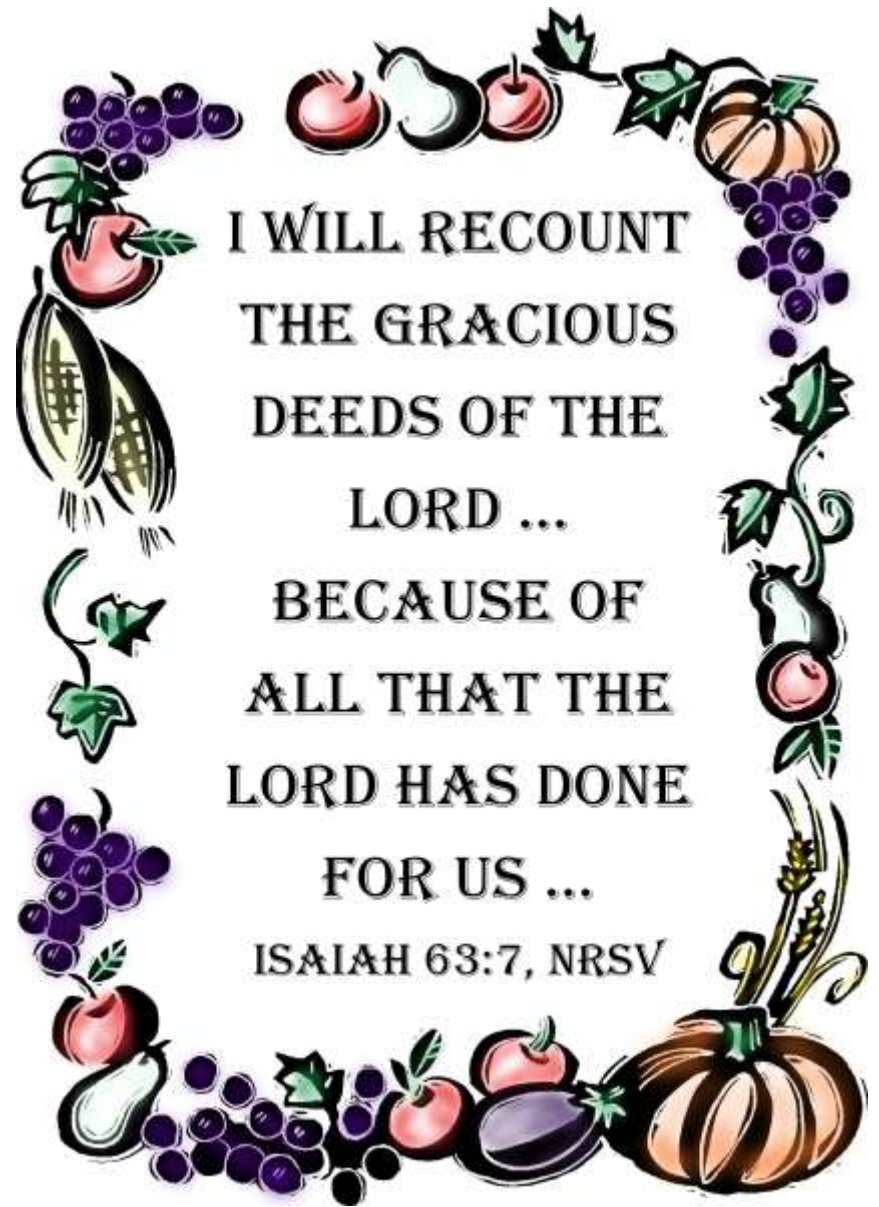
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ALL THAT THE  
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ISAIAH 63:7, NRSV

**Waupun United Methodist Church**  
**December 29, 2019 9:00 AM**

**Welcome** to this time of worship!  
Special welcome to all guests who are joining us today.

## Come, let us worship God!

### ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

**Announcements** - \*The Greeting

Musical Call to Worship                      Welcome to our World (video)

#### **Unison Prayer of the Day**

**Christ Child, Holy One of Bethlehem, we come into Your presence as You come into our world, and we thank You for blessing us with that presence, and for being our true Christmas gift.**

**Let Your presence flow over our worship, that we might know the gift of Your spirit, and be emboldened to share it with all those we meet. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn                      “Star Child”                      Black No. 2095

#### \*Call to Worship

Praise God!

**Even when children are suffering?**

Praise the God of heaven and earth!

**Even when God seems so far away?**

Praise the One who commands and creates.

**Even when goodness seems so powerless?**

Praise the One whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**Even when we cannot see that glory?**

In praising God, we laugh at the oppressor!

**Praise God!**

In praising God, we bring Christ into our midst.

**Praise the Christ Child!**

In praising the Holy One, we create a world of love and joy.

**Praise God, whose goodness is stronger than evil!**

**Praise God, whose glory is above heaven and earth.**

\*Hymn                      “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”                      Red No. 240

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Message for/from the Children

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the LORD’s unfailing love.

I will praise the LORD for all he has done.

I will rejoice in his great goodness to Israel,  
which he has granted according to his mercy and love.

<sup>8</sup> He said, “They are my very own people.

Surely they will not betray me again.”

And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup> In all their suffering he also suffered,  
and he personally rescued them.

In his love and mercy he redeemed them.

He lifted them up and carried them

through all the years.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Hymn                      “Love Came Down at Christmas”                      Red No. 242

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup> After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

<sup>14</sup> That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, <sup>15</sup> and they stayed there until Herod’s death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “I called my Son out of Egypt.”

<sup>16</sup> Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance. <sup>17</sup> Herod’s brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> “A cry was heard in Ramah—  
weeping and great mourning.

Rachel weeps for her children,  
refusing to be comforted,  
for they are dead.”

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- David Schrader, son of Susan
- Mason, grandson of Susan Schrader
- Ryan Giese, grandnephew of Jeanne Ludjack

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