



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

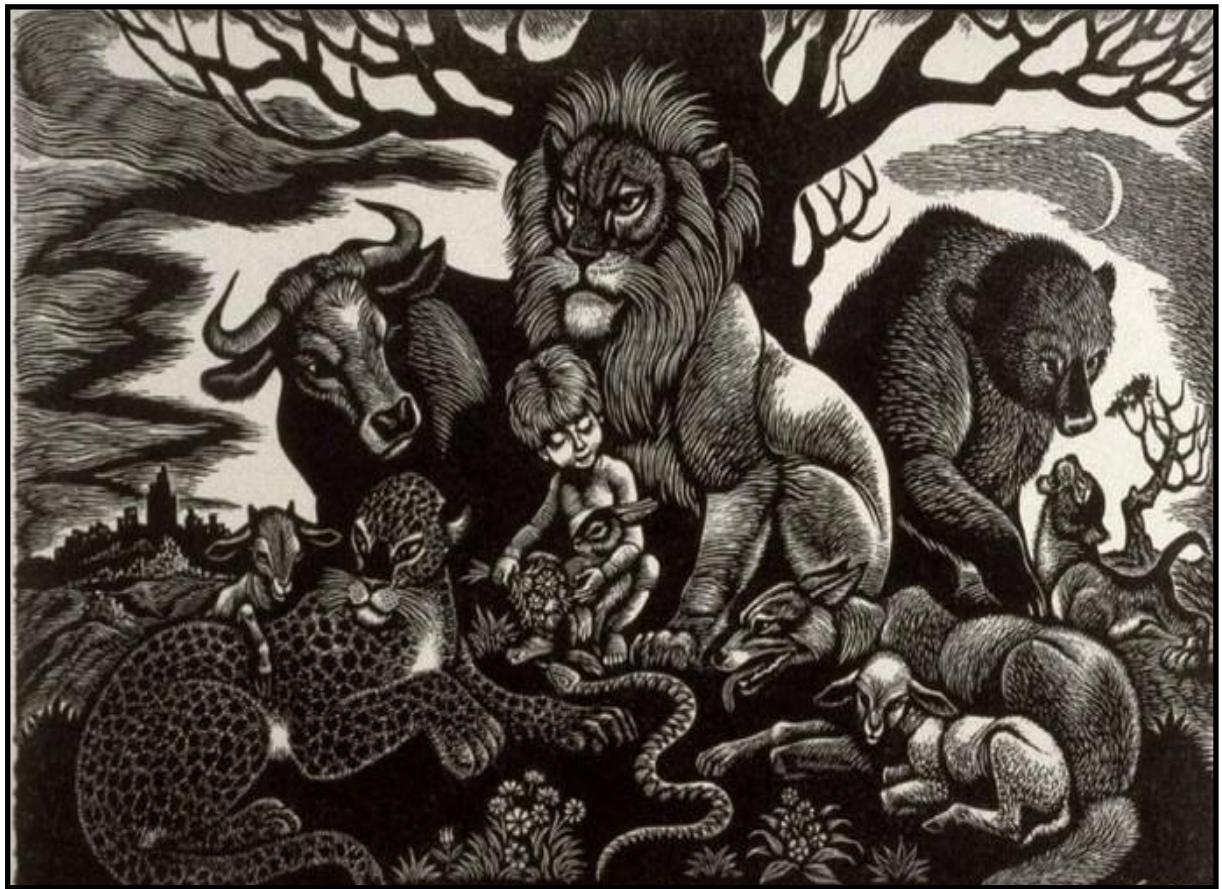
An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, Dec. 24, 2025

(Nov/Dec Reaching Out Focus: Caring & Advocacy for the Incarcerated)

Christmas Eve



**"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them."**

- Isaiah 11:6-7

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music - *Seasonal Selections*

Opening Words

Opening Hymn – #154 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 1, 2, & 4)

*Eloise Jones will sing the first verse & congregation will join in for vs. 2 & 4

1st Reading: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

Congregational Carol – #196 “In the Bleak Midwinter” (v. 1-2)

2nd Reading – Genesis 22:15-18, *offered by Denise Fate*

Congregational Carol – #153 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

3rd Reading – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

Congregational Carol - #190 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (v. 1-2)

4th Reading – Isaiah 11:1-9, *offered by Max Carthew*

The Christmas Message - “A Letter from the Prophet Isaiah,” *offered by Toby Jones*

Congregational Carol – #614 “Let there Be Peace on Earth”

The Offering

Offertory Music - “O Holy Night,” *offered by Eloise Jones and Grace Rose*

A-B-C-D Acknowledgment (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty)

*100% of Tonight’s Offering will go to support local incarcerated folks

5th Reading – Luke 1:26-35 & 38, *offered by Denise Fate*

Special Music – “Mary, Did You Know?” *offered by Eloise Jones*

6th Reading – Luke 2:1, 3-7, *offered by Toby Jones*

Congregational Carol – #180 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1-2)

7th Reading – Luke 2:8-14, *offered by Max Carthew*

The Blessing and Benediction

Congregational Carol – #188 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (vs. 1 & 3)

The Passing of the Light*

**Please note that when sharing the light, please have only
the unlit candle tilted to avoid dripping wax.*



If you purchased a poinsettia to
beautify our sanctuary,
please remember to take it with you
after service tonight



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