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*An Open and Welcoming Church*

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**PRELUDE** Chorale and Variations on Comfort Ye. Mr. Ian Watson, organ  
Georg Boehm

**RINGING OF THE BELL** Law and Ray DeNormandie

**WELCOME** Ms. Sarah Klockowski

**INTROIT** Procession for Sankta Lucia Day Ms. Lucy Reiner

**OPENING WORDS** The Reverend Jenny Rankin

Minister: Welcome, who come in friendship who long for genuine community...

*People: May you be graciously received here as your authentic self.*

Minister: Welcome, who come in curiosity, full of questions or simply open...

*People: May you embrace wonder and encounter new delights.*

Minister: Welcome, who come heavy with fatigue, weary from the troubles of the world or the troubles of your particular life...

*People: May you rest and be filled in this sacred space.*

Minister: Welcome, who come with joy for flowing rivers and gentle breeze, for changing skies and great trees..

*People: May the grace of the world leave a lasting imprint in you.*

Minister: Welcome, who come with thanks for the altruism of the earth and the gift of human care...

*People: May your grateful heart overflow and bless those around you.*

*All: Come, let us celebrate together this wondrous life.*

**OPENING HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard On High” #231v Grey

**INVOCATION** Ms. Sarah Klockowski

**OUR COVENANT** Law and Ray DeNormandie

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus

We unite for the worship of God and the service of all.

**ADVENT WREATH READING & LIGHTING**

Law and Ray DeNormandie

Isaiah 9:2-7

<b>REFLECTION</b>		Ms. Juliet Najjumba
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Luke 1:39-46	Ms. Sarah Klockowski
<b>INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER</b>		Mr. Andrew Clark
<b>PRAYER HYMN</b>	“In The Bleak Midwinter” #241 Grey	
<b>SILENCE</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY PRAYERS</b>	Ms. Sarah Klockowski & The Reverend Jenny Rankin	
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		Mr. Rob Graves
<b>UNISON PRAYER</b>	Prayer of St. Francis	Mr. Rob Graves
	<p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.</p>	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>		
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Jan Richardson	The Reverend Jenny Rankin
<b>SERMON</b>	“Hungry for Blessing”	The Reverend Jenny Rankin
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (UCC New Century Hymnal #126)	
<b>OUR CALL TO MINISTRY</b>		Mr. Andrew Clark
	<p>We go forth from the worship of God  To be faithful to the vision of Jesus  To affirm each person’s dignity  And to cherish the living earth.</p>	
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		The Reverend Jenny Rankin
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Mr. Andrew Clark
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	“Comfort Ye Variation 10”. George Boehm	Mr. Ian Watson, organ

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*We are an open and welcoming community church formed in 1942 by the union of the Congregational (1746) and Unitarian (1842) churches in Lincoln.*



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