

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

3PM | JOINT NICHIGO-ENGLISH



LAST SUNDAY OF 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

9:00A | JOINT NICHIGO-ENGLISH



DECEMBER 25, 2025 – JANUARY 6, 2026

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MEETINGS AND BIBLE STUDIES WILL

RESUME IN THE NEW YEAR

Blue Christmas

A Service of Hope and Comfort

Sunday, December 21, 2025

5:00pm



Blue Christmas Worship Service

December 21, 2025

Prelude – Instrumental

**Welcome & Introduction to Blue Christmas
& Centering Poem** Rev. Allison Mark

Call to Worship: Tam Kobayashi
*L: Come, all who are weary and heavy-laden, all who carry burdens seen and
unseen. Come to this sacred space to find rest for your souls. Here, God meets us in
our pain and offers us comfort and hope.*
P: We come as we are, seeking peace and the light of Christ

Opening Prayer Tam Kobayashi

Opening Song – In the Bleak Midwinter

First Reading – Isaiah 40 Tam Kobayashi, Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u,
Rev. Allison Mark

Second Reading – Lamentations 3:21-24 Tam Kobayashi

Special Music – Change My Heart
*Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, may I be like you*

Third Reading – John 14:27-28 Minister ‘Ainise ‘Isama’u

Fourth Reading – Psalm 121 Rev. Allison Mark

Hymn – What Child is This
*What child is this who laid to rest on Mary’s lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
What love is this who feels our pain, our sorrow and our weeping,
Who comes among us, for us hold us always is his keeping?
Christ comes, Emmanuel God is with us, the ages tell,
Live, live in Jesus’ love, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Members of the Congregation
Prayers of the People Rev. Allison Mark

Hymn – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels beding near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, good will to men. From heaven’s all gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow.
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.*

Rituals of Remembrance

Prayer Journey & Candle Lighting

Hymn – O Little Town of Bethlehem
*O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.*

Benediction
Silently leave the sanctuary, as you feel called to leave.

Worship Participants

Liturgist: Tam Kobayashi
Clergy: Minister ‘Ainise ‘Isama’u, Rev. Allison Mark
**Music: Ron Troester (Choir Director), Dean Ricker-Manning
(Guitarist)**
AV Coordinator: Chad Uemura