

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS



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INTROIT

WELCOME & PRAYER

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Grace UMC-LA & Inglewood First UMC

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1 – 8

Pastor Lesa Smith

CAROL

Grace UMC-LA & Inglewood First UMC

To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news: God is coming back, and bringing the exiles home!

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 23:5 – 6

Rev. Erika Rembert Smith

CAROL

Washington Shores Presbyterian (Orlando)

The prophet Jeremiah offers hope for a righteous branch, a just king who is yet to come.

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26 – 38

Rev. Lawrence K. Dove

CAROL

Park Hills Community Church (LA)

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end.

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:7

Rev. Gary Bernard Williams

CAROL

Saint Mark UMC (Los Angeles)

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Pastor Linda Furtado

CAROL

Beech Grove UMC (Whites Creek, TN)

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Rev. Carlton Rhoden

CAROL

Westminster Presbyterian Church (LA)

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

Presbytery of the Pacific

CLOSING HYMN