

# Memorial First India United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 18, 2022 10:30 A.M.      FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*Minister: The Whole Congregation      Together We Can Make a Difference*

\*\*Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. At those places marked "*unison*" or printed in **bold** you are invited to join in reading aloud with the entire congregation

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP OF GOD

**PRELUDE:**

*Peter Kotiah*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Rev. Saroj Sangha*

**CHORAL INTROIT: (Telugu)**

*Lokamulo...Nee ..Prati Roopam Maanavali, Rudhi Papaharam,  
Paraloka Nivasa... Karuna Kara... Kavara...Naravathara Deva Kumara, A...A...men.*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Vibhinay Marapaka*

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord.

**People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us.

**People: Holy is God's name.**

Leader: God's mercy is ever near, from generation to generation.

**People: God's strength scatters the proud,  
but lifts the humble of heart.**

Leader: God's love fills us up, nourishing our hungry souls.

**People: God's grace has called us here,  
strengthening our lives of faith. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE      "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

*UMH #220*

### SERVICE OF CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Strong Deliverer, bring us back to you when we wander afar. Gather us together when we scatter from one another. Deliver us from the sins that separate us from one another and from you. Nourish us with the springs of your saving grace and with your compassion, which never fails. Be our strength and shield, that we may proclaim your love, in our words and in our actions, with the courage of steadfast faith. In joy and thanksgiving, we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Minister: Shout and sing for joy, for God is indeed our salvation!

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Pastor*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LIGHTING THE 4<sup>th</sup> ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE**

*Mr. Pavan and Mrs. Kalyani Bezwada  
Mrs. Pauline Robinson & Colin Robinson*

**\*\* HYMN (4<sup>th</sup> Stanza only) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** **UMH #211**

*O Come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23: 5-8** *Johanna Jagga*

**L:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

**\*\*THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:8-14** *Ashley Tadikonda*

**L:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

*Homily*

*Rev. Saroj Sangha*

**SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

**WORSHIP GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**HYMN** *“Away in a Manger”* **UMH #217**

**\*\*Doxology** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* **UMH #95**

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS**

**A Gospel Christmas Celebration** **“JOY”** *Directed by Peter Kotiah*

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*\* HYMN** *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”* **UMH #236**

**\*\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Minister: Go forth with joy and expectation, not in fear and trembling.

**People:** **We embrace transformation promised in Christ’s birth.**

Minister: Bring the message of hope to the hopeless, liberation to those bound by the status quo, and peace to the troubled.

**People:** **And may the God of radical love and liberation, the promise of the Babe of Bethlehem, and the empowering of the Spirit, be with us all.**

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance and give you His everlasting peace.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**\*\*CHORAL RESPONSE** *“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.*

POSTLUDE

*Peter Kotiah*

**We welcome all our visitors, friends and online worshippers to our Worship Service, this morning.**

**Even if you are coming early, could you kindly leave the Upper-Level parking for the elderly and handicapped. Rest of the members, please try and use the lower-level parking. Thank you!!!**

**TODAY is the last day to order your Christmas Poinsettias**, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The price is \$10.00 per plant. Please complete your order form and give it to Liz or John Roth. Please make checks payable to **MFIUMC** and in the memo line please print "**Poinsettias**". Thank you.

### Christmas Play

We would like to thank Ashish and Emily Henry for presenting to us the Christmas play called, "A Christmas Musical". We appreciate the time they took in spite of being affected by Covid and Ashish having his MBA Finals. And Kudos to our kids who did an awesome job of performing and singing.

The following are the **Santa's Helpers** and a sincere **THANK YOU** goes out to them for taking time and coming early to church to do all the needed work to help the kids to perform their best.

Directors: Ashish & Emily Henry

Sound/Media Team: Eaton Kola, Joyce Kola, Kiran Jagga, Colin Robinson

Stagehands: Pranay Medapally, Preston Anchula, Jadon Tallapally, Ian Dhanraj

Costumes & Makeup: Esther Samuel, Johanna Jagga, Naomi Samson

Setup, Decorations, and Cleanup: Preston Anchula, Pranay Medapally, Johanna Jagga, Praveen Medapally, Padma Medapally, Lenora Henry, Lincoln Korani, Emmanuel Sahas Rana, Jordan Kola, Vibhinay Marapaka

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Altar flowers are presented to the Honor and Glory of God!**

**Please inform the Pastor or the Church Office if you are planning to host a Fellowship hour in the Parlor, so proper arrangements can be made.**

**Please remember to take home the altar flowers you placed in celebration or memory of your loved ones.**

**TODAY – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.**

**Please come and gather in the Parlor and join in the Fellowship hour hosted in celebration of the Christmas Cantata and all its participants.**

**We thank Andrew Tadikonda, Chair and the Hospitality Committee for arranging refreshments.**

Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study is held via Zoom.

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study is in the Church Parlor.

### **PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Mr. Sikander Henry, Mr. Sandeep Keshiah, Mr. John Punith, Mr. Scott Whittemore (Liz Roth's cousin), Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude, Dr. Prabha Clarence, Mr. Moses Peram (Kalyani Bezwada's brother), Mr. Paul Jerome Kola, Mr. Anil Keshiah, Mrs. Pauline Robinson and her son, Mr. Anthony Robinson, Mrs. Victoria Jaipal, Mrs. Stella Samuel, Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee, Mr. Raphael Neville Victor, Mr. Richard McMullen, Mrs. Esther Cornelius and Mrs. Asuntha Francis (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister).**

**CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME: Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri.**

**Memorial First India United Methodist Church**

**9226 Colesville Road – Silver Spring, MD 20910**

**Pastor, Rev. Saroj Sangha at 301-879-0374 or Church at 301-585-8015**

**Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, [www.mfiumc.org](http://www.mfiumc.org)**

### **Our Sunday attendance and Offering for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Tithes and Offering = \$6,658.00

Attendance: Adults 84, Youth 12 Children 06 =102

### **Worship Leaders**

**Liturgist: Vibhinay Marapaka; Readers: Johanna Jagga & Ashley Tadikonda;**

**Acolyte: Daniel Charles**



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December 2022

### Dear Members and Friends:

We invite you and your family to celebrate the joy of Christmas with us at MFIUMC. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these events. Your presence is very much appreciated.

### Dear Members and Friends:

### Below is the list of CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CANTATA</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
December 18, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
<b>December 24, 2022</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>December 25, 2022</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>December 31, 2022</b>	<b>WATCHNIGHT SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 p.m.</b>
<b>January 01, 2023</b>	<b>NEW YEAR SERVICE</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>

Our God is an awesome God! Let us worship and adore Him for the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. We continue to live stream our Sunday Worship Services. May God's blessings be upon you and your family.

***We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!!!***

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Saroj Sangha

# “JOY!”

(A Gospel Christmas Celebration)

**Cantata Composed and Arranged By: JOEL RANEY**

**(Printed and Published by Hope Publishing Company ©)**

**Sung by: MFIUMC Choir. Directed by: Peter J. Kotiah**

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(4) JESUS, WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD      (5) O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL  
(6) TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN      (7) SING JOY! (REPRISE)

### (1) PRELUDE / SING JOY! :

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!  
Sing “joy to the world” ‘cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!  
Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!  
Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.  
Joy! Sing “Joy to the world” ‘cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!  
Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!  
Sing joy! Sing joy to the world, the Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy; repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat,  
Repeat the sounding, repeat the sounding joy!  
Sing “Joy to the world” ‘cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!  
Rejoice with the angels in heaven! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!  
Sing joy, (to the world) to the world, sing joy, to the tiny little Baby,  
Sing joy, (to the world) to the world, sing joy, to the newborn King!  
Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing JOY!

### (2) WAITING :

Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
Waiting, we are waiting, for the bells of heaven to ring.  
When the valleys rise up, and the mountains lie down,  
Savior’s gonna come to claim His heavenly crown.

Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the sun to rise.  
Waiting, we are waiting, till the clouds don't cover the skies.  
For the fighting to stop, for the quarrels to cease,  
Savior's gonna come and bring us heavenly peace.  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel (waiting, we are waiting)  
And ransom captive, Israel (waiting for the coming King.)  
That mourns in lonely exile here (waiting, we are waiting; waiting, we are waiting )  
Until the Son of God appear, we are waiting (waiting for the coming King.)  
Rejoice (rejoice). Rejoice! (rejoice!) Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Waiting, we are waiting, (O, we are waiting,)  
We are waiting for the coming King; (waiting for the sun to rise.)  
Waiting, we are waiting, (yes, we are waiting)  
For the angel chorus to sing; (for the angels to sing.)  
When the valleys rise up (rise up) and the mountains lie down (when the mountains lie down)  
Savior's gonna come and claim His heavenly crown (We are waiting.)  
Waiting, we are waiting, we are waiting for the coming King.  
We are waiting for the coming King. We are waiting for the coming King!

### **(3) SONG IN THE AIR :**

Nighttime is falling; shepherds are leaving their sheep.  
Angels come calling, singing the baby to sleep.  
Guarding the manger, Mary keeps watch in the night;  
Holding the stranger, the King of love and light.  
There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky;  
A mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry.  
The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing;  
"The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!"  
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
Come to the manger, bow down and worship the King.  
Loud "Alleluias," lift up your voices and sing.  
There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky;  
A mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry.  
The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing;  
"The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!"  
There's a song in the air! (There's a song.) There's a star in the sky; (there's a star)

A mother's deep prayer (there's a prayer) and a baby's low cry.  
The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing;  
"The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King! The manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!  
The manger of Bethlehem cradles a new-born King!"

#### **(4) JESUS, WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD :**

Jesus, Jesus, O, what a wonderful Child. Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.  
New life, new hope, new joy He brings, won't you listen to the angels sing,  
"Glory, glory, glory" to the new-born King!  
He was herald (he was herald) by the angels (by the angels), born in a lowly manger.  
The virgin Mary was His mother, and Joseph was His earthly father.  
Three wise men came from afar; they were guided by a shining star  
To see King Jesus where He lay, in a manger filled with hay.  
Jesus, my Jesus, O Lord (O what a wonderful Child,) what a wonderful Child.  
Jesus, O my Jesus, (O Jesus) the Babe so lowly, meek and mild.  
New life, new hope, new joy He brings, won't you listen to the angels sing,  
They're singing, "Glory, glory, glory" to the new-born King!  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen! Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen!  
Jesus, O Jesus, my Lord, what a wonderful Child.  
Jesus, holy Jesus, the Babe so lowly, meek and mild.  
New life, new hope, new joy He brings, won't you listen to the angels sing,  
"Glory, glory, glory" to the new-born King! Glory to the new-born King!  
Glory to the new-born King! Glory to the new-born King!  
Jesus, what a wonderful Child!

#### **(5) O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL :**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
O come, and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.  
Silent night, holy night, O, all is calm, all is bright.  
'Round yon virgin mother and Child; holy Infant, so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace, heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord. Christ, the Lord.



# 2022 Christmas Cantata

## "JOY!"

### "A Gospel Christmas Celebration"

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*Sung by: MFIUMC Choir*

*Directed by Peter Kotiah*

#### SOPRANOS

Priscilla Anchula  
Subhashini Kalapala  
Simple Rana  
Aparanjini Paul  
Pauline Robinson  
Swarna Bandari  
Nishitha Kola  
Frieda Samson

Jessie Charles  
Smriti Thomas  
Suneethy Durgam  
Vijaya Henry  
Estherrani Devadanam  
Smitha Kola  
Deepthi Neelam  
Navaneetha Akula

#### ALTOS

Diane Smith-Brown  
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Kalluri Himabindu

Joyce Kola  
Kalyani Bezwada  
Prabha Clarence

#### TENORS

Jayakumar Durgam  
Colin Robinson  
Pranay Medapally  
Jadon Tallapally  
Preston Anchula  
Silas Samson

Mohan Marapaka  
Praveen Anchula  
Jerome Kola  
Ahan Brown  
Herald Bandari

#### NARRATORS

Sharmila Thomas & Robert Boddu

#### MEDIA TEAM

Eric Kola, Kiran Jagga, Joel Tallapally, Sumanth Durgam and Ezekiel Kola

*We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chancel Choirs, Narrators, Media Team, and the Choir Director for presenting a wonderful Christmas Cantata, "JOY!" for the glory of God, especially during this sacred season. We pray that God will use this music ministry to bless everyone with hope, peace, joy, and love, today and always!*

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## **(6) GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN :**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere,  
O go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Go tell it, tell it on the mountain. Go tell it, tell it on the mountain.  
Go tell it, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere,  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Go tell it, tell it on the mountain. Go tell it, tell it on the mountain.  
Down in the lowly manger the humble Christ was born.  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere,  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Go tell it, tell it on the mountain. Go tell it, tell it on the mountain.  
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above, above.  
Go tell it on the mountain, go tell it on the mountain.  
Go tell it on the mountain, go tell it on the mountain.  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Go tell it, tell it on the mountain. Go tell it, tell it on the mountain.  
Jesus Christ is born.

## **(7) SING JOY! (REPRISE) :**

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