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*Children leave for programming.*

**Theme** How Does a Weary World Rejoice *(Instrumental)*

**Wisdom Reading** Luke 1:1-23 *(The Voice Translation)*

**We Acknowledge Our Weariness**

What Weariness Do You Carry – in your body and soul?

What Weariness Do You Carry for the World

**Reflection**

**Special Music** A Tiny Child Will Come Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig ©1985  
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**We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude**

**Our Community at Prayer**

**Acknowledging Our Weariness & Laying it Down before the Manger of Hope**

**\*Song (standing)** MV#82 Bathe Me in Your Light

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**Gifts with Vision**

*Jane Aikman*

**Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts** *(Gifts brought forward during singing)*

**Song** O What a Wonderful Gift *(Ref., v2, ref.)* Words/Music: Linnea Good © 1992, Borealis Music.  
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*Refrain:*

Oh -- what a wonderful gift!

Oh -- what a wonderful gift!

God gives lives of hope and --love.

Oh, what a wonderful gift!

*Verse 2:*

Today we bring a light

As Advent comes anew

But hope and peace, and joy and love

Are gifts for all year through.

*Refrain plus tag:* Oh, what a wonderful, Oh, what a wonderful, Oh what a wonderful gift!

**The Work of the Congregation – Announcements**

**We Go Forth to Be a Blessing**

**\*Song (standing)** O Come, O Come Emmanuel Words: Adapted Unitarian Universalist Association  
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**Blessing**

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**Postlude Music for the Journey**

***Thank You for Joining Us!***

***May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***