

Blessed NOCC Community Jesus' mother Mary (probably Joseph too) "pondered" as the shepherds came to the manger with reports of heavenly visions about Jesus. An already wondrous sense of God's unfolding purposes in their lives became even more wonderful and mysterious. I hope you are taking some time in these 12 days of Christmas to do some pondering as well. What is God up to, anyway, in YOUR life, in YOUR heart? What does it mean that the Divine wraps itself in frailty? What do I DO with the gift of Godself God has given ME? What do WE do with the gift of Godself God has given US?

CANTATA THANKS What an amazing morning! Thanks to all who brought friends and family for this standing room only moment! Jeff, Roger and Leo were wonderful together----and wow the hard work of our Choir paid off!

CHRISTMAS EVE THANKS Bells and Choir welcomed another large crowd at 7PM. Our 11PM celebration was larger than usual also----thanks to some friends of Rob who showed up unexpectedly. Grace abounds!

WORLD PEACE MEDITATION 6AM MONDAY I know---the challenge is real-----but this annual event is a marvelous gathering of KC folks from many faiths that will be good for your soul. Plus-----the lovely experience of being part of a global moment---people in every time zone in silent prayer together for our world. This is one time I am happy NOT to be on the Oregon coast---their events happen at 4AM. Location: Rime Buddhist Center on West Pennway. We are asked to arrive around 530AM. I'd welcome your company and maybe a little breakfast at Broadway Deli following!

MEET OUR GENERAL MINISTER JANUARY 12 2PM Rev. Terri Hord Owens is making her first trip to Kansas City. I hope many of you will join me in an opportunity to gather as KC Disciples for a time of worship with her on the 12th at Merriam Christian Church. OR join me on the afternoon of Sunday January 13 3PM as she is the featured speaker at the 2019 MLK celebration at Community Christian Church (Plaza)

To be religious is to have a life that flows with the presence of the extraordinary

Ann Ulanov

With you in Christmas!

Rob