

Sermon for Christmas Eve @ Bethesda UMC/Baltimore

6 p.m. Thursday, 24 December 2020

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalter UM 815 (Psalm 96); Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

"Now!"

The first scripture is the prophet Isaiah. His advice to stay out of entanglements with other powers has worked out. For a little while there has been peace. There is a new leader.

The psalm praises Jahweh, the God of the Hebrews. This is who controls history. Following and trusting Jahweh is by far the best way.

The New Testament letter of Titus reminds us that our purpose is to demonstrate God's nature in everything we do.

We know these things well. Scripture says them much better than we, and just hearing them is encouraging.

Luke tells of a poor couple far from home having a baby.

Whatever I'm planning will to be interrupted, if I pay attention. Someone needs help. I have something to share.

Nothing else is so important.

Here.

Now.

Amen.