

# A Strange Way to Save the World

Clark/Harris/Koch

I'm sure he must have been surprised at where this road had taken him

"Cause never in a million lives would he have dreamed of Bethlehem

And standing at the manger he saw with his own eyes

The message from the angel come to life

And Joseph said

## chorus

Why me, I'm just a simple man of trade?

Why Him, with all the rulers in the world?

Why here, inside this stable filled with hay?

Why her, she's just an ordinary girl?

Now I'm not one to second guess what angels have to say

But this is such a strange way to save the world

To think of how it could have been if Jesus had come as He deserved

There would have been no Bethlehem, no lowly shepherds at His birth

But Joseph knew the reason love had to reach so far

And as he held the Savior in his arms

He must have thought...

(chorus)

# Bethel United Methodist Church

*"Seeking The Life In Grace As The*

## **On the Calendar**

Sunday School .....Sunday's, 9:45

Women's Morning Circle.....2nd &4th Wednesday's  
10am-noon

Women's Afternoon Circle.....3rd Sunday's, 3pm

Church Council.....2nd Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Covered Dish Dinner.....2nd Sundays after Church

Dec. 24th, 6pm.....Christmas Eve Service

## **Christmas Collection**

Thank you for your participation in our Christmas collection this year. Your generosity has allowed us to bless another Christmas.

## **Christmas Eve Service 6pm**

Everyone is invited to a service of communion and candlelight here in the Bethel Sanctuary Christmas Even at 6pm. The service usually last less than a hour..

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# Bethel United Methodist Church

*"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"*

Laura Beth Fisher, Pastor

4rd Sunday of Advent

Dec 23, 2001

11:00 am – 12:15

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

## \*PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### \*RESPONSIVE

**Luke 1:47-55**

Pastor: My should magnifies the Lord, And my spirit  
rejoices in God my Savior

**People: for he has looked with favor on the lowliness  
of his servant. Surely, from now on all  
generation will call me blessed.**

Pastor: For the Mighty One has done great thing for me,  
and holy is his name.

**People: His mercy is for those who fear him from  
generation to generation.**

Pastor: he has shown strength with his arm; he has  
scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

**People: He has brought down the powerful from their  
thrones, and lifted up the lowly;**

Pastor: he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent  
the rich away empty. He has helped his servant  
Israel in remembrance of his mercy,

**All: according to the promise he made to our ancestor,  
to Abraham and to his descendant forever."**

## SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 1:18-25

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

## \*HYMN

**#220**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory "

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Phill Brown

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## \* DOXOLOGY

## \*SPECIAL MUSIC

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Laura Beth Fisher

## \*HYMN

**#219**

"What Child is This "

## \* BENEDICTION

\* Please Stand If Able \_\_\_\_\_