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**Christmas Service**

12/17/17

**Glen Arbor Community Church**

**Welcome** – Daniel Family readings and lighting of advent candles

**Congregational Songs** – Worship Team.

-The Solid Rock

-God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

-Angles We Have Heard on High

**Announcements/Offering**

**Message Part 1** – Intro: What if Jesus had never been born?

**Video** - Jesus Changed My Life

**Message Part 2** – If Jesus had never been born… love could never have rescued us from our selfishness.

**Special Song** – When Love Comes to Town – Chris Yiesla and the Glen Arbor Blues Band.

*-by U2 and BB King  (w/modified lyrics by Jonathan Eichin).*

I was a sailor, I was lost at sea

I was under the waves before love rescued me.

I was a fighter, I could turn on a thread

Now I stand accused of the things I've said.

Chorus:

When love comes to town I'm gonna jump that train

When love comes to town I'm gonna catch that flame.

Maybe I was wrong to ever let you down

But I did what I did before love came to town.

Used to search for thrills under a red sunset

I was making promises I was soon to forget.

My actions were careless, I was running all around

And I broke some people’s hearts before love came to town.

I ran into a church where I heard a choir rise

The notes were turning gold, I was dazed with misty eyes.

As the music played, I saw my life turn around

That was the day when love came to town!

(Chorus)

I was there when they crucified my Lord

I held the scabbard when the soldier drew his sword.

I threw the dice when they pierced his side

But I've seen love conquer the great divide.

(Chorus)

**Message Part 3** – If Jesus had never been born… hope could never have rescued us from our despair.

**Poetry Reading:** Christmas Bells – Barbara Eichin

*-by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, written Christmas 1863.*

I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old, familiar carols play,

    And wild and sweet

    The words repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,

The belfries of all Christendom

    Had rolled along

    The unbroken song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way,

The world revolved from night to day,

    A voice, a chime,

    A chant sublime

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth

The cannon thundered in the South,

    And with the sound

    The carols drowned

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent

The hearth-stones of a continent,

    And made forlorn

    The households born

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;

“There is no peace on earth," I said;

    “For hate is strong,

    And mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

“God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;

    The Wrong shall fail,

    The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, good-will to men.”

**Congregational Song:** I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day – Eichin String Trio

*-Lyrics by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1863, Music by John B. Calkin 1872.*

**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.
2. I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along th'unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.
3. And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men."
5. Till, ringing, singing, on its way, The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good will to men!

**Message Part 4** – If Jesus had never been born… life could never have found and rescued us from our sin and death.

**Special Song** - Hallelujah, Light Has Come – Haworth Girls.

*-by Barlow Girl*

Hm my Baby  
Heaven sent you to me  
All the worlds been praying  
Who will Save?  
But who am I  
That here tonight  
I hold the one  
Who'll Bring us life

Hallelujah,  
We've been found  
A child is born  
To save us now  
Hallelujah light has come  
A Savior who will set us free  
A Promise for those who believe

Do you hear the Angels  
Sing for you my baby  
Men and kings have come to  
Bow to you

But here in my arms

So close to me  
The son of God  
Now all can see

Hallelujah We've been found  
A child is born to save us now  
Jesus Hallelujah light has come  
A savior set us free

So praise to God on high  
He has heard our cry

**Prayer of Response**

**Congrational Songs** – Worship Team

-O Come O Come Emmanuel

-Joy To The World

**Refreshments**