

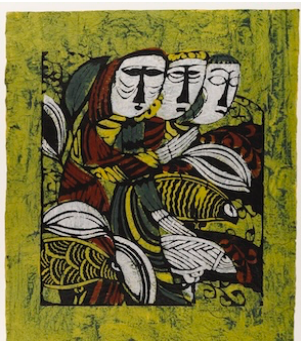


## Grain

“Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited.” –Thomas Merton

## Field

<sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>8</sup> Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,<sup>[b]</sup> the Lord. Luke 2:1-11



Notice the love and be a witness to it, despite everything.  
Merry Christmas!

## Artists

1. Unknown,
2. Sadao Watanabe,
3. Jesus among the rubble at a church in Bethlehem, where Christmas celebrations were being cancelled in 2023
4. Unknown
5. Nichole Lanthier
6. Manger scene outside Saint Susanna Parish in Boston with signs of locations where people have been killed because of gun violence (Wisconsin added by LOPPW)
7. Darla Korol

Many blessings upon you,  
Pastor Cindy