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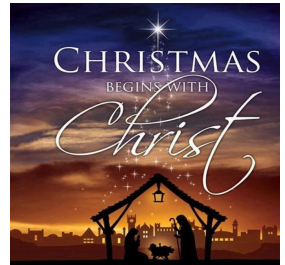


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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (please rise as you are able)

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P: Rejoice, for God is with us---Emmanuel

C: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.

P: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

C. God is truly with us. We are not alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P. Let us pray, Most merciful God,

C. In the darkness of Mary's womb, the holy Child grows. In the darkness of the world's pain, the blessed light begins to kindle. O God, forgive us for doubting the light you have placed within each of us. Forgive us for ignoring the wonder of your love for us. Forgive us for underestimating the power of your presence with us. Fill us with the confidence that Christ will be born again and again, into our world and into our hearts. And let the love of Christ shine a light to guide us on our journey. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: **AMEN**

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of Isaiah chapter 9, verses 6-7:

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. R. This is the word of the Lord **C. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 98*:

R. ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C. ² The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

R. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

R. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C. ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

R. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

C. ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

R. ⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for our Gospel lesson.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John 1: 9-14:

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG "Away in a Manger"

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.....**C. God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of this season of giving, You gave us a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. You give us life and breath; you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts and ourselves in service always, in every season. Amen.**

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER, CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS, LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Joy to the World"

P. Go in peace. Serve the God of Light and Hope! **C. Thanks be to God!**



- Summer Sermon Series: "The Lord's Prayer". Think you have this one "nailed down"? You say you can say it in your sleep? MAYBE that's the problem! Join us the first four Sundays of August to rediscover how using this prayer in new ways can change your spiritual life. Bring a friend!
- Starting this Sunday we are going to start including our home bound and COVID bound members by selecting, at random, members to greet as they care for themselves and loved ones at home on Sunday mornings and therefore cannot be at worship with us.. WHO'S next???!?
- **DATE CHANGE!!** Easter in August worship will be August 30 instead of August 23 as originally planned!

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1-Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

2-Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

3- Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

4-Come Desire of nations come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels
Chorus O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord
God of God, Light of light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, Begotten, not created
Chorus
Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God Glory In the highest
Chorus
Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be glory giv'n
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing
Chorus

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***Joy to the World (Issac Watts wrote the words of this beloved hymn based on Psalm 98, our Psalm for today.)**

1-Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing
2-Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Away in A Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh
Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

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3-No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

4-He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders. wonders of His love

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