

Communion Sunday

January 1, 2022

10:00 A.M.



(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit

Call to Worship

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

Many: The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through the markings of time.

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Many: The sky and planets, land and sea, and trees and plants, the animals and people, praise the Divine Creator.

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Many: We praise the Spirit of God through our breathing, living, and being. Praise God!

*Hymn

Joy to the World

No. 124

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy Love, you make us a community. You gather us as your offspring and knit us together with grace and mercy. In your presence, there is fullness of love, joy, hope, and peace. Thank you for being among us this day and with us in every moment of our being. Receive our praise, dwell in our midst, and create in us a heart that yearns for you. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And

**All who are able may stand.*

forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

No. 47

**All praise, eternal Christ, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication and Blessing**

Generous Love, bless these offerings. Stir up the gifts within for your glory, show your provision through the sharing of our resources, and empower us to steward our days as precious and holy. Amen.

Lessons & Carols

#1 Gen. 1:1-5; 26-30 -- Lisa Hargreaves

Angels We Have Heard on High #135, vv 1, 3

#2 Ps. 33: 6-9; 13-18 – Roger Whitney

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus # 121, vv 1,2,4

#3 Micah 5:1-5a – Sally Howe

O Little Town of Bethlehem #151, vv 1,2,3

#4 Isaiah 9:2-7 – Tom Kovarik

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #149, vv 1,2,5

#5 Matt. 1:18-23; Luke 2:1-7 – Linda Wallace

Hark the Herald Angels Sing #137

#6 John 1:1-14 – Martha Speed

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #119, vv 1,2,3
(serving as Communion Hymn)

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer & Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn

Good Christians All Rejoice

No. 158

*Benediction

Sung Benediction

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude



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We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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