# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

Christmas Eve Service - Holy Communion

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021 5:00 P.M.

**PRELUDE** "I Wonder as I Wander" Andrew Foster

> "Mary, Did You Know?" Dale Magnuson

WELCOME

**INTROIT** "Adeste Fidelis"

Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson, Kim Kuda

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. All: Those who lived in the land of deep darkness - on them the light has shined.

One: The light shines in the darkness

All: And the darkness did not overcome it.

One: For Christ is born in Bethlehem.

All: Come, let us adore him.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" \*HYMN No. 182

# LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6

"For to us, a child is born; for to us, a child is given. And the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Hymn (Sung to tune of "Away in a Manger")

> *The Christ candle's light shines so bright for us here.* It tells us the good news that God has come near. He came, a poor baby, in one time and place To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.

\*If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand

## **OPENING PRAYER**

FIRST LESSON

p. 52 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL No. 191

Luke 1:26-35

SECOND LESSON Matthew 1:18-23 p. 1

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 180

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:1-7 p. 53

CAROL "What Child Is This" No. 184

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

# "It Was an Ordinary Night"

#### **DELIGHTING IN GIVING**

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

Offertory "O Holy Night" Andrew Foster

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, you heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

God of every good and perfect gift, we give thanks for your generous gift, your Son, Jesus the Christ. In this season when so many gifts are given and received, we pray that you will receive the gifts we offer now. Use them according to your purposes and plans, bringing your good news of great joy to all people. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Luke 2:8-11 FOURTH LESSON

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" CAROL No. 185

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table UCC Statement of Faith Communion Prayer

Back of hymnal

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<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (non-alcoholic) Hymn "With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord"

Kim Kuda

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Merciful Creator, we thank you for this holy night when your Light came into the world. We thank you that in this holy moment, you invited us to your sacred table, in order to share in fellowship with the saints of all ages. May we never forget the joy of this moment. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIGHT

\*Hymn

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

No. 186

(As this carol is sung, the pastor will light a candle, and then light those of the ushers. As the ushers move down the aisle, the worshipers nearest the aisle will receive the light and pass it on to the next person. The congregation remains seated throughout, and the carol is sung until all candles are lit.)

\*BENEDICTION

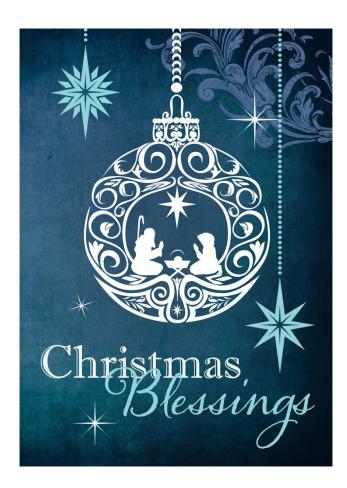
**POSTLUDE** 

"Joy to the World!"

No. 179

(Place extinguished candles in the containers at the back of the church.)

GUEST PASTOR - Jonathan Ryder DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Kim Kuda SOLOISTS - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson, Kim Kuda DEACON & LAY READER - Donna Hassell-Winter USHERS/GREETERS - Joseph and Cheryl Burrell



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## **POINSETTIAS**

The Poinsettias which have graced our sanctuary this holiday have been dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of:

Rosemary Dubiel, by Gloria Cady
Dorothea Laughlin, by Gloria Cady
Stanley O. Foster, beloved father & grandfather, by
Chris & Andrew Foster
Marion Kent, by Sylvia Janes
Family Members, by Ted & Sylvia Janes
Dorothea F. Laughlin, by Cora Laughlin Rose
Richard D. Laughlin, Jr., by Cora Laughlin Rose
Doreen Laughlin, by Cora & Manny Rose
Derrick M. Rose, by Cora & Manny Rose
Betty Jean (Thomas) Russell, by Lori Russell
Leon & Edna Wilcox, Arthur & Gloria Wilcox & Richard L. Patt, by
Carol Salisbury & Ginny Martins & families
Loved Ones, by The Tonoles
Milton & Peg Alexander, by Bob & Judy Wood

An additional poinsettia was given in honor of Hope Congregational Ministry, by Chris & Andrew Foster

A donation toward decorations was made in loving memory of Loved Ones, by Rick Bushnell & Paula Perkins.

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