

## ***Christmas Morning Worship***

***December 25, 2019***

***10:00 A.M.***

**Today in the town of David a Savior  
has been born to you;**

**He is Christ the Lord.**

**-Luke 2:11**

***“Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;”***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Sung Call to Worship: ***“Glad Tidings We Bring!”*** Choir

Glad tidings we bring, bright carols we sing  
to tell of the birthday of Jesus the King,  
who came from above, the fit of God's love,  
to sleep in a stable on earth.

It happened one night: a star shining bright  
filled all of the sky with a radiant light,  
it guided the way, by night and by day,  
for all who were seeking the birth.

The infant so fair, whose story we share,  
was sent for the world to adore;  
His cradle at stall, but welcomed by all,  
we follow His star evermore!

The babe was foretold by prophets of old,  
and greeted with treasures of silver and gold,  
so come let us bow and worship Him now,  
no heart unaware of His worth.

*Repeat Verse*

So hail the Good News of His birth!  
Glad tidings we bring, glad tidings we bring,  
now join in the chorus of ages before us,  
and hail the Good News of His birth!

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Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship

Leader: He came as a baby in a manger.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: He came in a lowly stable.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Shepherds brought their worship.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Angels sang his praise.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Magi brought their gifts.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Leader: What shall we do?

**People: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.**

\* Opening Carol: LUYH#76: 1,3,4 **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

1. 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;

*Refrain*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

*Refrain*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

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\* The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7 (Read by Juliana LeClair)

\* Carol: LUYH #92:1,2,4 **"Joy to the World"**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
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.

Psalm 98; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1719, P.D;  
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***“Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”***

Advent Candle Reading: Led by Mardy, Kristi, & Emmalyn Stevens

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world,  
was born on this day, and he brightens all things.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns.

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*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

Prayer of Adoration:

O Lord, our God, as we celebrate again the festival  
of Christmas, we ask you to make us humble and loving  
like Jesus, who did not come to be served but to serve,  
and who said that it is better to give than to receive,  
so that in his name we may devote ourselves to the care  
and service of all who are in need.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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The Shepherds and the Angels: Luke 2:8-14 (Read by Juliana LeClair)

\* Carol: LUYH #82:1-3 ***“Angels We Have Heard on High”***

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o’er the plains  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?

*Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

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*During the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse the children are invited  
forward for the Children’s message*

Children’s Message: Marjo Rouw

Offering: Love INC

Offertory: ***“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*** Instrumentalists

The Shepherds Make Their Way to the Manger: Luke 2:15-20 (Read by Juliana LeClair)

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #844:1-3, 5 ***“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”***

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,  
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,  
in Christ the world has been redeemed.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,  
his resurrection sets us free.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
his resurrection sets us free.

**Sing acapella**

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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***“Joyful, all ye nations rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;”***

Prayer of Illumination

Christmas Meditation: ***“The Absurdities and Paradoxes of Christmas”***

Time of Prayer

Song of Reflection: ***“Holy Is Your Name”*** vs. 1,3,4,5

**Soloist: Danielle Van Zanten**

1. My soul is filled with joy  
as I sing to God my Savior:  
you have looked upon your servant,  
you have visited your people.

**Refrain: All Sing**

*And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.*

**Soloist**

3. I proclaim the power of God,  
you do marvels for your servants;  
though you scatter the proud-hearted,  
and destroy the might of princes.

**Refrain: All Sing**

### **Soloist**

4. To the hungry you give food,  
send the rich away\_\_empty.  
In your mercy you are mindful  
of the people you have chosen.

### **Soloist**

5. In your love you now fulfill  
what you promised to your people.  
I will praise you Lord, my Savior,  
everlasting is your mercy.

### **\* Refrain: *All Sing—Please Stand***

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***“With angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”***

### **\* Closing Prayer**

### **\* Closing Song: LUYH #80:1-3 *“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 the angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

### ***Refrain***

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

2. Christ, by highest heaven 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 us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

### ***Refrain***

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

### ***Refrain***

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\* Benediction

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #84 ***“Ere Zij God”***

*Dutch*

Ere zij God! Ere zij God  
in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,  
in de mensen een welbehagen.  
Ere zij God in den hoge! Ere zij God in den hoge!  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,  
vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,  
in de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen,  
in de mensen, een welbehagen, een welbehagen.  
Ere zij God! Ere zij God  
in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,  
in de mensen een welbehagen.  
Amen. Amen.

*English*

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,  
in the highest, in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
to the people whom God delights in.  
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
to the people, to the people whom God delights in,  
to the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.  
Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,  
in the highest, in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
to the people whom God delights in. Amen. Amen.

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\* Postlude