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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



December 25, 2022
10:00 am
Sunday Worship

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Sunday Worship

Gathering Prayer and Praise

We gather in the Lord's name. This time may include informal prayer, singing, testimony, quiet meditation, vocal music, other forms of prayer and praise.

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Song of Preparation "When Christmas Morning Is Dawning"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!

Happy Christmas to you also!

Christ our Savior is born.

God's Light is poured into the world.

O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

*Hymn UMH #240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have sent your Son to us to show us the way.

Even when we have turned our backs, followed our own paths, you offer us Light. Forgive us when we are so willful and stubborn.

Forgive us when we think more about ourselves and our comforts than we think of reaching out to others. Remind us again that Jesus witnessed to us the Light of Love that serves, guides, and heals.

Thank you for loving us so much that you would give us this most precious gift. And when we again falter and fail, lift us again with your gentle touch. Pour the Light into our lives once more, that finally, we will fully understand the power and depth of your love for us. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

Christ has come to shine light into darkness and restore us to right relationship with our Lord and Savior!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

*The Peace

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us now show one another signs of reconciliation and love. (*Wave to one another and remain in seats*)

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Cathy Harris

Open Altar, Open Heart (*As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor*).

Call to Prayer

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

Let's praise his name together,

Let's praise his name together,

Let's praise his name together,

Christ the Lord.

We'll give him all the glory,

We'll give him all the glory,

We'll give him all the glory,

Christ the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Children's Celebration (*all children and those young at heart are invited to come forward for a Christmas message.*)

The Lord's Prayer

*Gospel Lesson John 1:1-14

Sermon "He is Here, Hallelujah"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Come On, Ring Those Bells"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #251 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow"

* Please stand as you are able.