



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 3, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PRELUDE

Carl Braden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Shelley Craig

INTROIT

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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ONE: Break forth into singing, all God’s people. Hear the good tidings of God’s grace upon grace.

ALL: Surely God will meet us here.

ONE: With a new song in the air, we RESPOND to the birth of Baby Jesus in our midst.

ALL: Christ’s light shines in the darkness. As God’s children, we bear witness to the light of Christ.

ONE: God brings us joy and gladness and abundance.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord God, who will cause righteousness and praise to spring up, before all the nations.

HYMN NO. 133

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

Congregation

CALL TO CONFESSION

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ONE: The light God reveals the shadows in which we live. When we hear the Word, why don't we RESPOND and RECEIVE? Why do we fail to live by Christ's Word?

ALL: Let us ask God to help us redirect our lives.

ONE: Let us confess how we often choose the path of sin, rather than the joy, which will lead us to God's heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, You come to us revealed in Jesus Christ, Immanuel. You come to enlighten us, and we shield ourselves from the brightness of Your revelation. We erect barriers to fully believing and trusting You. We turn away from the light of Your presence and Your grace. Break down our resistance to change. Link us together in a community of faith that we might boldly RECEIVE the gospel.

Silently pray your personal prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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ONE: As we sing joy to the world and let us RECEIVE our King, Jesus Christ, we recognize Your steadfast loving kindness.

ALL: May the grace and truth of Jesus Christ transform us and make us whole. **Amen.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

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ONE: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (NIV)

⁷Thus says the Lord:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.

Make your praises heard, and say,

‘Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸See, I will bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame,
expectant mothers and women in labor;
a great throng will return.

⁹They will come with weeping;

they will pray as I bring them back.
 I will lead them beside streams of water
 on a level path where they will not stumble,
 because I am Israel's father,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn son.
¹⁰“Hear the word of the Lord, you nations;
 proclaim it in distant coastlands:
 ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them
 and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’
¹¹For the Lord will deliver Jacob
 and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.
¹²They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
 they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—
 the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,
 the young of the flocks and herds.
 They will be like a well-watered garden,
 and they will sorrow no more.
¹³Then young women will dance and be glad,
 young men and old as well.
 I will turn their mourning into gladness;
 I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.
¹⁴I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
 and my people will be filled with my bounty,”
 declares the Lord.

ANTHEM

“I Saw Three Ships”

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel of John 1: 1-18 (NIV)

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not RECEIVE him. ¹²Yet to all who did RECEIVE him, to those who believed in his

name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶Out of his fullness we have all RECEIVED grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

SERMON

"The Word of the Day is YES!"

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OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: We give you thanks, O God...

**ALL: 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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

A PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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HYMN NO. 134

"JOY TO THE WORLD" (VERSES 3 AND 4)

Congregation

CLOSING RESPONSE

"MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT" (VERSE 4)

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POSTLUDE

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