



## 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**

Rev. Shelley Craig

**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**

Rev. Shelley Craig

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**

Rev. Shelley Craig

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**

Rev. Shelley Craig

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)

<sup>7</sup>Thus 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.’

<sup>8</sup>See, 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.

<sup>9</sup>They 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.  
<sup>10</sup>“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.’  
<sup>11</sup>For the Lord will deliver Jacob  
 and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.  
<sup>12</sup>They 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.  
<sup>13</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>14</sup>I 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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<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.  
<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not RECEIVE him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did RECEIVE him, to those who believed in his

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

<sup>14</sup>The 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.

<sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>Out of his fullness we have all RECEIVED grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No 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!"*

Rev. Shelley Craig

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

Rev. Shelley Craig

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

A PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Shelley Craig

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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