

WORSHIP SERVICE
January 3, 2020
Second Sunday of Christmas

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

* Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 13)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, in the beginning you spoke,
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.**

**In the fullness of time you spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love.**

**We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.**

**Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.**

This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.

**We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (John 1:12)

To all who did receive him,

to those who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God.

Thanks be to God!

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18

In 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.

Message: "In the Flesh"

Prayer of Application

- * Song of Response: "In Christ Alone" *Lift Up Your Hearts #770*

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Supper

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- * Blessing

- * Closing Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *Lift Up Your Hearts #80*

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!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"
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.

Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"
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.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

- * Postlude

- * Please stand if you are able.

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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