

WORSHIP SERVICE
December 27th, 2020
First Sunday of Christmas

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship

May the light of God's love push back the darkness.

**We come to worship Him from the four corners of the earth,
From the north, from the south, from the east and from the west.**

We come from many nations and many cultures.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

We come seeking the One who guides us to life.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

Let us lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.

- * Opening Song: "Joy to the World"

Lift Up Your Hearts #92

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Proclaiming what we believe (From Nicene Creed)

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
who, for us and our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin, Mary,
and was made man.**

Assurance of God's Love

The light of God shines in the darkness. He has shown us his love through the birth of a baby, his son, Jesus Christ. God calls the whole world together in unity to worship in the light of Christ as beloved and chosen people.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "Be Not Afraid of Wandering"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "The First Noel" (vs. 1, 2, 6)

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel Noel Noel Noel, Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night

Noel Noel Noel Noel, Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,

That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Noel Noel Noel Noel, Born is the King of Israel

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Lift Up Your Hearts #93

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly stable the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

* Postlude

* Stand if you are able

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