

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "Once in Royal David's City" # 165

1. **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**
2. **Christ came down to earth from heaven, love incarnate for us all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**
3. **Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew, he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**
4. **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child who seemed so helpless lives and reigns in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 10:30am Jim Ward

Psalm 98 (NRSVA)

L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

C: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

C: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD

L: for he is coming to judge the earth.

ALL: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

* = *Please stand*

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Text

Message

Isaiah 52: 7-10

"Christmas in the Rubble"

Justin & Abigail

(NRSVA)

Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings

***Doxology:**

Prayer of Dedication

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

10:30am Roy McLellan

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation

10:30am Roy McLellan

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music:

"What Child Is This"

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***Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion**

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn:

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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

1. **While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. Refrain:**

2. **The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. Refrain:**

3. **Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain:**

*Benediction

Postlude:

"Joy to the World"

Rev. Schwartz

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December 25, 2022

Christmas Day
Liturgical Color: White

Isaiah 52: 7-10 (NRSVA)

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!



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Sunday, December 25, 2022 ☩ 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.