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~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 13, 2020

10:45 AM

Prelude

***Song of Assembly - Who is This, So Weak and Helpless #239**

Who is this, so weak and helpless, Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered, Coldly in a manger laid?
Tis the Lord of all creation, Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting, And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping Over sin and Satans sway?
Tis our God, our glorious Savior, Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing, Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected, Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
Tis our God, Who gifts and graces On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
Tis our God Who lives forever Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city, Reigning everlastingly.

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - based on Luke 1:46-50

Pastor: Our souls magnify the Lord!

Congregation: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Pastor: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

Congregation: Holy is God's name!

Pastor: Let us worship God.

Congregation: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.

Invocation

***Christmas Carol - Joy to the World #195**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men 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 sins and sorrows 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.

Lighting of Advent Candle - "Shepherd and Angels"

Luke 2:8-20

The Hollowell Family

***Christmas Carol - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou are giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean death of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother — All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Confession of Sin - While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season
ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much.

Forgive us Lord,
for not bending the knee,
for not reading your Word,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,
we may have a fresh sense of Your presence
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a Mighty One who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by His love;
He will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

***Christmas Carol - I Wonder as I Wander**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ord'ners people like you and like I -
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall,
With wise men and famers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages It then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'Cause He was the King!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ord'ners people like you and like I -
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.

(Appalachian Folksong/carol, collected and adapted by John Jacob Niles, 1934)

[Children age 4-5 are dismissed for Children's Worship]

Prayer of Intercession - RE Mike Alred

[Worshipping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings]

Special Music - "Hallelujah, Christ is Born"

Ministry of the Word - "Call His Name Jesus"

Matthew 1:18-25

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***Hymn of Response - Go, Tell It On the Mountain #224**

[Refrain:]

*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. *[Refrain]*

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

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [*Refrain*]

***Benediction**

Postlude

* those who are able, please stand.

+If you would like to speak with someone about how to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please see the pastor or elders after the service.

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~Evening Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 13, 2020

6:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship - John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Invocation

***Ministry of Music**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #194

Angels We Have Heard on High #214

Angels from the Realms of Glory #218

Ministry of Prayer

Ministry of the Word - "The Royal Union"

Psalm 45

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #196**

***Benediction**