SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE December 12, 2021, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming arr. Jay Rouse

WELCOME Rev. Jordan Czichos

*HYMN OF WELCOME He Is Born arr. Dan Forrest

Refrain

He is born, the divine Christ child: Play the musette and the bagpipe merrily! He is born, the divine Christ Child: Sing we all of the Savior mild.

Through long ages of the past
Prophets long have foretold His coming:
Through long ages of the past,
Now the time has come at last!

Repeat Refrain

O how lovely, O how pure Is this perfect Child of heaven: O how lovely, O how pure Gracious gift to human-kind!

Repeat Refrain

Choir Only

Jesus, Lord of all the world coming as a Child among us, Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heavenly peace.

Repeat Refrain

Choir Only

Sing we now, the divine Christ Child!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Joy is seeing people you love after months apart. Joy is hearing, "Come on over, it has been too long!" Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child. Joy is making it home when the journey is long. Joy is your dog sliding to meet you at the door. Joy is the energy of a new season. Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost. So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful. Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you. Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Betelehemu

Barrington Brooks

Sanctuary Choir

"We are glad we have a Father to trust.

We are glad we have a Father to rely upon.

Where was Jesus born? Bethlehem, the city of wonder.

That is where the Father was born for sure. Praise, praise be to Him.

We thank Thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day,

Gracious Father. Praise, praise, praise be to Thee, Merciful Father."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Courtney Hutchins

*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:41-45

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Andy Nixon

Behold, the Savior Comes: Running Towards Joy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF BLESSING

A Celtic Silent Night

arr. Patrick Tierney

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Choir Only

BENEDICTION

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Rev. Jordan Czichos

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Jordan Czichos

POSTLUDE To Thee My Heart I Offer Elaine Hagenberg

* Please stand, as you are able.

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