

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

December 5, 2021, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Hands that First Held Mary's Child* arr. Dan Forrest

WELCOME Rev. Jordan Czichos

*HYMN OF WELCOME *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* arr. John Rutter

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man, with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Mutunda Family

As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives, we gather together around the candle of peace. The home we long for is a home that knows peace—A: peace that rests between us and our grief, peace around our anxiety, peace between us and our self-criticism, peace amidst our relationships, peace at the core of our being, peace hovering through and in our world. The home we long for is a home that knows peace. So today we light the candle of peace—as a reminder and as a prayer. Let it be so. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Jordan Czichos

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *See, Amid the Winter's Snow* arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,*

Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,

He who throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,

Sing throughout Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,

Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this,

Hail thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,

Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Mandy Jones

*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE Luke 1:76-79

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

MESSAGE Rev. Ken Coneby

Behold, the Savior Comes: Awaiting the Dawn

HOLY COMMUNION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER, Matthew 6:9-13 arr. Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,

As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*HYMN OF BLESSING *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. John Rutter

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.**

Choir Only

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

BENEDICTION Rev. Jordan Czichos

POSTLUDE ***Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabella*** John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir; Kelli Estes, soloist

* *Please stand, as you are able.*

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