

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**January 1, 2023, 9:00 West and 11:00 a.m. Downtown**

PRELUDE                      *Improvisation on "We Three Kings"*                      David Holden

HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* #246

**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.**

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.

WELCOME Rev. Lance Richards

HYMN OF WELCOME	<i>The First Noel</i>	#245
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**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.**

***Refrain***  
**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.

***Repeat Refrain***

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

***Repeat Refrain***

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

***Repeat Refrain***

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**MINISTRY IN MUSIC**                      *Gifts Of the Magi*                      Lloyd Larson  
Sanctuary Choir

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, lending onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we, evermore be led to Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed  
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore  
So may we, with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at the cradle, rude and bare  
So may we, with holy joy pure and free from sin's alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.*

OFFERING RESPONSE *In the Bleak Mid-Winter (v. 4)* #221

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Lance Richards

**Leader:** Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Lance Richards

**People:** Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Lance Richards

**Leader:** Hear the good news...in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#238

*Refrain*

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

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9:00 TIME FOR CHILDREN

11:00 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VIDEO

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Amanda Davis

Matthew 2:1-12

The word of God for us, the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Rev. Amanda Davis

*Bow Down and Worship Him*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Davis

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*We Three Kings*

#254

**We three kings of Orient are;**

**Bearing gifts we traverse afar,**

**Field and fountain, moor and mountain,**

**Following yonder star.**

*Refrain*

**O star of wonder, star of light,**

**Star with royal beauty bright,**

**Westward leading, still proceeding,**

**Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,**

**Gold I bring to crown Him again,**

**King forever, ceasing never,**

**Over us all to reign.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**Frankincense to offer have I;**

**Incense owns a Deity nigh;**

**Prayer and praising, voices raising,**

**Worshiping God on high.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume**

**Breathes a life of gathering gloom;**

**Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,**

**Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

*Repeat Refrain*

**Glorious now behold Him arise;**

**King and God and sacrifice:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia,**

**Sounds through the earth and skies.**

*Repeat Refrain*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lance Richards & Rev. Amanda Davis

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise!

**Leader:** Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our loved failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

**Leader:** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in

remembrance of me.” And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice...

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Leader:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

***I Wonder as I Wander***

*John Jacob Niles*

Laura Sanders, soloist

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
How Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die  
For poor ordinary people, like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.  
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,  
But high in 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 for to sing  
He surely could have it, for he was the King!  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
How Jesus, the Savior, had come for to die  
For poor ordinary people, like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

*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.**

#### INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

Rev. Amanda Davis

#### HYMN OF BLESSING

***Go Tell It on the Mountain***

#251

#### ***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.**

#### ***Repeat Refrain***

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.**

#### ***Repeat Refrain***

**Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.**

#### ***Repeat Refrain***

#### BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Davis

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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#### POSTLUDE

***I Want Jesus to Walk With Me***

*arr. Mark Hayes*

#### DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC

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