



**Order of Worship
December 31, 2023
The First Sunday after Christmas
10:00AM**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Gesu Bambino

Yon

Call to Worship

Susan Whitman

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is born

All: Alleluia! Grace is in our midst; love is among us!

Leader: Let us live in the light of the Holy Child.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship in the spirit of Christ. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing, for eternal salvation has appeared on earth. Alleluia! Amen.

***First Hymn History**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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***Second Hymn History**

What Child Is This?

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Susan

Whitman

Therefore, since we are people who have encountered God's unfailing love let us offer one another signs of love and reconciliation.

***Third Hymn History**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Psalm 150 Reading

Praise the LORD.^[a]

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

Ministry of Music

Christmastime

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O Come, Little Children*

German Carol

**Doxology* *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Offertory Dedication*

God of hope and joy, the gifts we offer to you pale when our minds try to grasp all we have been given in this season: wholeness in our woundedness, hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, forgiveness in our rebellion. Like Simeon, we have listened with our ears that we might not miss you, and our eyes have seen your salvation! You gave us light in our darkness and hope in our discouragement. Help us embrace your extravagant generosity as we give ourselves to others. In our Savior's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Solo

He Is Here

Susan Whitman

Hymn Requests

GOING FORTH WITH JOY

***Closing Hymn and History**

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Joy to the World

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***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***Postlude**

Ding, Dong! Merrily on High

French Carol

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*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!"*

*2. 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 with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

*3. 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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"*

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

*What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

Refrain:

***This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.***

*2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.*

(Refrain)

*3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.*

(Refrain)

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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)*

JOY TO THE WORLD

*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.*

*2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*3. 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.*

*4. 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.*