



## Service of the Lord's Day Sunday, December 27, 2020

### God's People Gather

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)*

*With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your "household."*

*We invite you to hum the hymns or meditate on the words as the Sanctuary Singers sing on our behalf.*

### Greetings and Announcements

#### Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may choose to do your will, and new resolves be strengthened, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude Ukrainian Bell Carol – arr. Lockard

Piano Duet: Cindy Foust & Julie Kovach

#### \*Call to Worship

L: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

P: **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

All: **O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

#### \*Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King": the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring; O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!

#### Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ your light has come, yet too often we choose to keep

in the shadows and avoid the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and shine the light in our darkness.  
(silent confession). Forgiven, may we live as new people walking in your light. Amen.

### Declaration of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven: thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says "Let your light shine before all."

### \*Response

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

### God's Word is Heard

### Time With Children

Anthem Two French Carols – arr. B. Adams

Soloist: Tim Detwiler, Clarinet

Gospel Reading Luke 17:26-33

Sermon Let It Go

Rev. Khristi Adams

### God's People Respond

### \*Giving Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

O come let us adore him! O come let us adore him!

O come let us adore him! Christ the Lord!

### Prayers of the People

...The Lord be with you.

And also with you...

Our Father, who 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

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

### God's Sends Us Out

### \*Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee,  
whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

### \*Blessing

\*Postlude All The Earth Rejoices -- arr. M. Hayes

Soloist: Julie Kovach

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.*

*Our sanctuary singers and instrumentalists this morning are Bruce Achuff, Tim Detwiler,  
John Genter, Julie Kovach, Rob Land, and Rob Wade. Thank you!*