

**Order of Worship Service**  
**December 27, 2020**  
**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

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**WELCOME**

**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** *\*printed below*

**RESPONSE - HYMN #106** Jesus, Name Above All Names (HEARN) *\*printed below*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 9:2-7  
**Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* Congregation response: *Thanks be to God.***

**SOLO** For Unto Us a Child is Born - Drennan *\*lyrics printed below*

**CHRISTMAS CORNER** Ebenezer and the Spirits of Christmas Dale Murphy

**HYMN #155** O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS) *\*lyrics printed below*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:1-20  
**Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* Congregation response: *Thanks be to God.***

**ENSEMBLE** Glory to God – Larson *\*lyrics printed below*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Wilma Wiens  
**Leader: *Lord, in your mercy* Congregation: *Hear our prayer.***

**HYMN #151** Go Tell It on the Mountain (GO TELL IT) *\*lyrics printed below*

**SCRIPTURE READING** I John 1:1-4  
**Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* Congregation response: *Thanks be to God.***

**SOLO** Look Again - Lord *\*lyrics printed below*

**MESSAGE** So This is Christmas Ken Penner

**HYMN #167** Joy to the World (ANTIOCH) *\*lyrics printed below*

**BENEDICTION**

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Worship Leader	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	- Margot Sim
Scripture Readers	- Els Penner, Ken Penner
Soloist	- Krista Labossiere
Ensemble	- Krista, Tyson and Oliver Labossiere

**NEXT SUNDAY: January 3 (Epiphany Sunday/Communion Sunday)** Ken Penner will be speaking on 'Searching, Finding, Giving' with scriptures Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 and Matthew 2:1-12

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**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Today we light all five candles on the Advent wreath; the purple candles of hope, peace and love, the pink candle of joy and the white Christ candle in the center of the wreath.

**ALL: God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets. In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.**

**Leader:** The blind and sick had no hope and then Christ came. Mary Magdalene had no peace and then Christ came. Zacchaeus had no joy and then Christ came. The woman at the well had no love and then Christ came.

**ALL: Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing.**

**Leader:** As the candles burn brightly today, we thank God for the hope he gives us, the peace he bestows, the joy he pours in our hearts, and the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

**ALL: We thank God for the gift of Jesus. We thank him that through Christ his light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. His truth, his love, his very self - transforms all who receive him.**

**Leader:** Let us pray together.

**ALL: Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us – for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may He be born in us and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy and the love of which we have heard and spoken throughout Advent may be realized in us as we worship and serve you through Him, both now and forevermore. AMEN**

**JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES** (Naida Hearn)

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN** (adapted from Isaiah 9:6; 11:6)

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,

And the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Now the wolf will dwell with the lamb, the leopard will lie with the kid.

The calf and young lion will play in peace,

And the little Child will lead them all.

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** (Phillips Brooks)

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.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above

While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim thy holy birth.

And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

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.

**GLORY TO GOD!** (based on Luke 2:8-15)

The shepherds were out in the fields one night. Glory to God in the highest!  
Watching their sheep by the stars' faint light. Glory to God in the highest!  
Suddenly! The night sky blazed. An angel said: "Do not be afraid;  
I bring you good news of great joy this night!" Glory to God in the highest!  
Jesus is born! The hope of the world!  
Peace on earth; good will to all; Glory to God in the highest!

In silence, the shepherds were terrified. Glory to God in the highest!  
But joy filled their hearts as the angels cried: "Glory to God in the highest!"  
"To Bethlehem in a manger bed, go worship Him," the angel said.  
Rejoicing they journeyed to see the Child, singing: "Glory to God in the highest!"  
Jesus is born! The hope of the world!  
Peace on earth; good will to all; Glory to God in the highest!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God in the highest!

**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN** (John Work)

**Chorus:** 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 at night  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Chorus**

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Chorus**

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

**LOOK AGAIN** (Suzanne Lord)

Look, look again at the child in the manger.  
Open your heart to the love that you see.  
Is it only at Christmas you pause to remember?  
Is it only at Christmas you wait breathlessly for the love of the Lord  
To change gray winter mornings into sweet times filled with love and with joy?  
Look again.

For the gift goes far beyond the season. It is love from above.  
Come and welcome this Child for a glorious reason:  
In him is the best of God's love!  
Look, look again at the child in the manger.  
Open your heart to the love that you see.  
Is it only at Christmas you pause? Look again.

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME** (Isaac Watts)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns; let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.