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1st Sunday of Christmas

“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”

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Prelude:

In winter’s deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus’ birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Welcome

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Red Book #275 vs 1&2

Christmas Litany:

L: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the dark world.

C: By day and night, he shines for all to see.

L: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty,

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

L: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

L: Jesus is the light of the world!

C: Jesus is the light of our lives!

Passing of the Peace:

“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”

Greeting:

L: The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Stand as able)

Lord’s Prayer: (to be spoken)

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing:

L: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

L: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

L: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

L: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “The First Noel” Red book #300 vs 1-3

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hymn of Praise: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Red Book #270

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is from the 5th chapter of Micah Marty Conrad

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Responsive Hymn: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" Red Book # 288 vs. 1&2

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of Luke Tony Ogarek

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Responsive Hymn: "That By-Child of Mary" Red Book #293 vs.1 -4

The Third Reading is from the 1st chapter of Matthew Marty Conrad

Third Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Responsive Hymn: "On Christmas Night" Red Book 274 vs.1&2

The Fourth Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Luke Tony Ogarek

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Responsive Hymn: "Away in a Manger" Red Book #278 vs. 1&3

The Fifth Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Matthew Marty Conrad

Fifth Reading Matthew 2:1-11

Responsive Hymn: "What Child is This?" Red Book #296 vs. 1&3

(Please stand as able)

Gospel Acclamation Red book #169

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
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L: The Holy Gospel is in Luke the 2nd chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

L: The Gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Love Has Come" Red Book #292

(Please stand as able)

Nicene Creed:

C. We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Response: receive our prayer.

Offertory Prayer:

L: Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**