

Morning Worship

First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020 (Online)



Ringling of the Bell

Our Life Together

Prelude Music

Call to Worship

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

People: God is there.

Leader: When they present Jesus at the temple,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus as the answer to prayer,

People: God is there.

Leader: This very morning,

People: God is here.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

People: God is there. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

O God, in the sweetness of the story we tell today,
the encounter of old and young-
Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus to the elders-
We feel the movement of your Spirit making all things new.
Awake us to your presence in this moment
As we seek Christ in our midst:
Let us recognize God-with-us,
A light to the nations, your glory revealed.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Call to Confession

This is the season we are reminded that God loves to be with us. Yet all too often - by our choices, our words, our silence - we choose not to be with God. Join me as we pray to the One who was born to gift us with mercy and hope.

Confession

Holy God, we know that you have been present to us
throughout all of history,
even throughout our own histories.
We know you will be with us in our future.
Yet often we don't live as if we know that.

As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people,
we recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health,
yet we often fail to follow.

As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people,
we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us,
yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news.

Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong
so that we live in the understanding
of your never ending love. Amen.

...time of silent prayer...

Assurance

Leader: Into the valleys of our death, Jesus comes with life;
into the shadows of our world, Jesus brings light;
into the brokenness of our lives, Jesus brings forgiveness and peace.

People: Thanks be to God for the gift of the Baby of Bethlehem, who brings
joy and peace to us in these moments of forgiveness and in all the days to
come. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Let the love that shaped earth and heaven
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that created humanity
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that forgives and renews
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that brings the blessing of peace
dwell within us this Christmas.
And may we share that peace

Scripture

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3

Galations 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 22-40

Morning Message

Pastor Jim

Morning Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Symbolic Offering

God, you call us to give as we have received In this Christmas Season when you have shared your Child with us, help us to share our blessing with those in need.

Offertory Music

Dedication

God of Vision,
Take these offerings of money
and turn them into vision;
vision of all people fed,
vision of all people safe,
vision of all people housed,
vision of all people educated. Amen.

Benediction

Leader: Alleluia! Our God is now here!

Go forth to spread the Good News wherever you go,
sharing God's love and promise with all whom you meet.

Go into the world to find the lost,

heal the broken,

feed the hungry,

release the prisoner,

rebuild the nations,

bring peace among people,

and make music in every heart.

People: Alleluia! Our God is now here!

In the name of our God,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

we cry out with the angels in the heavens

and the shepherds in the fields:

Alleluia! Our God is now here! Amen.

***Three-fold Amen**

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*Postlude

