

Order of Worship

January 3rd 2021 ~ Second Sunday After Christmas

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

A new day has dawned, a new year begun

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

We enter this new year with hope and excitement

O Lord, remind us that You lead us

O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You.

Amen.

~ written by Rev. Mindi

Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is
come

Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him
room

And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and
nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the earth the Savior
reigns

Let men their songs employ

While fields and floods

Rocks hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat repeat the sounding joy

Verse 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

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth
and grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His

righteousness

And wonders of His love

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love

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Opening Prayer

God of new beginnings,
you wipe away our tears
and call us to care for one another.

Give us eyes to see your gifts,
hearts to embrace all creation,
and hands to serve you every day of our lives.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Special Music

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey

Scripture Reading

Peyton Aanonsen, Reader

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

25:33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

25:36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

25:38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

25:39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

25:40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

25:42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

25:44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

25:45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Freedom

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Evie Kellogg, Reader

Offertory

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Love Has Come

Verse 1

Love has come a light in the
darkness
Love explodes in the
Bethlehem skies
See all heaven has come to
proclaim it
Hear how their song of joy
arises
Love love
Born unto you a Savior
Love love
Glory to God on high

Verse 2

Love is born come share in the
wonder
Love is God now asleep in the
hay
See the glow in the eyes of His
mother
What is the name her heart is
saying
Love love
Love is the name she whispers
Love love
Jesus Immanuel

Verse 3

Love has come He never will
leave us
Love is life everlasting and free
Love is Jesus within and among
us
Love is the peace our hearts
are seeking
Love love
Love is the gift of Christmas
Love love
Praise to You God on high

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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. **Amen.**

– adapted – Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Mack Bailey & David Dyer.