

Order of Worship

December 26th 2021 ~ 1st Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

~ from John 1:1-5, 9, 14 NRSV. The Song of Mary—Luke 1

Hymn

Joy To The World (Antioch)

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
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

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Opening Prayer

We are here
because we have heard a promise of peace
and we have faith its day will come
we have heard a rumor of justice
and we have faith its day will come
we have heard a whisper of hope
and we have faith its day will come
we have heard a hint of love
and we have faith its day will come
we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child
and we have faith his day is here
Welcome to Christmas
Welcome to worship
Amen.

– written by Cheryl Lawrie

Special Music

I Hope You Dance

Mark D. Sanders and Tia Sillers

Scripture Reading

Anna Kate Belinski, Reader

John 1:1-18

NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Radical Amazement

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Anna Kate Belinski, Reader

Offertory

Immanuel

Michael Card

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

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

In The Bleak Midwinter (Cranham)

Verse 1

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen snow on snow
Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago

Verse 2

Our God heav'n cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain

Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ

Verse 3

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air
But His mother only

In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss

Verse 4

What can I give Him
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him
Give my heart

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Closing Prayer

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!
God is our clothing in which love enwraps us, holds us, and encloses us.
We are protected safely in love—in woe as in well—by the goodness of God.
God urges us, “Keep the word near you, even on your lips and in your heart...
This word is your salvation.”
With the word on our lips and in our hearts,
may this Christmas bring us a renewed experience of God in all manner of things in our lives.
Amen.

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
The Colorado Currys & Michael Schoepe.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Worship Coordinator:
9:00am Scripture Reader: Anna Kate Belinski
10:30am Scripture Reader: Marie Kelly
Altar setting:
Coffee Service:

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