



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 27, 2020

First Sunday in Christmas

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP- Psalm 139: 13-16

Liturgist: John Lange

Leader: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Leader: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

**People: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Leader: Your eyes saw my unformed substance.

**All Together: In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for  
me, when as yet there was none of them.**

### \*HYMN #173

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
born the king of angels.

*Son of the Father,  
Begotten not created; [Refrain]*

3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation!  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God,  
all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;. [Refrain]

*Refrain:*

O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

2 True God of true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
Lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN #162

*The First Noel*

1 The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night  
that was so deep.

*Refrain:  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.*

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,

*and so it continued both day and night.  
[Refrain]*

*3 And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent, and to  
follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]*

*4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -**

**We believe that God guarantees the adoption of all those who are justified in and for the sake of His only Son, Jesus Christ. At the right time, appointed by Him, God effectually calls all those and only those whom He has predestined to life. He calls them by His Word and Spirit. He enlightens their minds spiritually with a saving understanding of the things of God. He renews their wills and by His almighty power leads them to what is good. And so He draws them to Christ that those who truly believe in Him, who honestly love Him and try to walk in good conscience before Him, may in this life be assured with certainty that they are in a state of grace.**

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**Marge Mills**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Sweet Little Jesus Boy**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **SCRIPTURE:**

**1 Corinthians 1.26-31**

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God*

## **SERMON:**

***"Who Am I That You Would Choose Me?"***

**\*CLOSING HYMN #146**

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

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Joy To the World*

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.

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*