

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*All may stand as able

Liturgist: David Perry

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

David Perry

Prelude

Chorale on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

J. S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise! Shine! The Light you have been waiting for has come!

People: The people living in the shadows of darkness have seen the glorious Light and walked towards the Light.

Leader: God's Light of hope floods the earth.

People: God's Light makes understanding possible.

Leader: God's Light opens blind eyes.

People: Lord, prepare our hearts to live and prosper in your Light.

Leader: Our God is the Light of the world and gives Light and Life to all who seek Him and receive Him.

People: Let us worship God as we bow before Him. Then let us go forth from this place to bring the Light of God's love to others.

All: Praise be to our God who leads us, empowers us, and is always with us.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 151

We Three Kings
of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Loving God, Emmanuel, God with us, as we enter into the New Year, we give you thanks for how you have blessed us in the past year and we thank you in advance for all you will bless us with in the days ahead. Grant that in gratitude we may walk in your Light and live in your Light. We pray that our worship and praise will be acceptable in your sight. Inspire us in body, mind, soul, and spirit to serve you. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord of living Light, we hear the story of the wise men and tie it together with our recent warm Christmas celebration. It feels comfortable to us. Break those bonds of comfort and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship for those who live and serve in your Light. Shine brightly in us and through us. Forgive the blind spots we so often kid ourselves with . . . Give us vision of what you would have us be and do in the Light of your Love. Forgive all our trespasses and empower all our efforts to do good in your Name . . . Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's Light has come. You are loved by God and called into God's service.

People: Now we can walk and serve in the Light.

Leader: God's forgiveness is plentiful, and God's mercy is abundant.

People: God hears us when we pray and forgives us when we earnestly repent.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

David Perry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM “He Shall Feed His Flock”

G. F. Handel
from MESSIAH

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

“The Great Gift Exchange” Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the love of God which forms the basis for all human love: the love parents have for their children, the love children have for their parents, the love of friends who care, and every little act of kindness bestowed as a gift in the human community.

We believe that God loved the world through Christ, who showed what it means to love another by laying down His life for all those who would come after Him, even in our own time.

We believe that love will eventually triumph in the world, despite all envy, hate, and greed, despite wars and rumors of war, despite the fact that it seems so rare.

For love is of God and God is love, and God will not rest until all are reconciled in Christ.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

What Child Is This?

arr. John Innes

* THE 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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 136 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Dawson Harmon

* Postlude *Sing and Rejoice!* Lani Smith

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	Margaret Linville	Wayne Thomas
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Edward Giddens
Vernon Clark	Laura Reichert	Jon Scholl
Carol Brown	Kay Prevatt	Vicki Cunningham

for our extended family . . .

Mary Hammett	Debra Jackson	Cheryl Kelley
Julie Hough	Uwe Bach	Ed Vermeulen
David Ross	Charles Taylor	Robert Wilkerson
Lisa Kraye Smith	Joyce Williams	Stephen Hogger
Sonia Burrage	Shelley Hiett	Heather Hawkins
Jill Meo	Cecile Floyd	Gary Mercer
Greg Mercer	Eleanor Garner	Louis Scholl

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .

the family of Cindy Bayliss

the family of Hester Avila

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

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Dr. Dawson Harmon, Pastor

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are welcomed, cared for, and supported;
have the opportunity to grow spiritually;
and serve God and others in meaningful ways.**