



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

All: tell the good news of salvation from day to day. *Psalm 96*

OPENING SONG – “Welcome to our World”

Tears are falling. Hearts are breaking. How we need to hear from God.
We've been promised. We've been waiting.
Welcome Holy Child. Welcome Holy Child.
Hope that you don't mind our manger. How I wish we would have known.
But long-awaited holy stranger, make yourself at home,
Please make yourself at home

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels

Jane Boumgarden: and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, and the babe lying in a manger.

Leader: Therefore, let us hear again from the holy scriptures

Jane: the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy child;

Leader: and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

Jane: But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people:

Leader: for peace upon the earth he came to save;

Jane: for love and unity within the one Church he did build; and for goodwill among all peoples.

Leader: And particularly at this time, let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed;

Jane: the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children;

Leader: and all who do not know the Lord Jesus, or do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Jane: Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

Leader: These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us to pray by saying...

All: THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who are 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.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Adam and Eve disobey God

Scripture Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Carol #250 “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

God's promise to Abraham

Scripture Genesis 22:15-18
Carol #245 “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

A great light in the darkness

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Carol #251 “*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*”

A little child will lead them

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
Carol #261 “*Away in a Manger*”

An angel appears to Mary

Scripture Luke 1:26-35, 38

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC – “*He is Born*”

Angels announce the Messiah to the Shepherds

Scripture Luke 2:8-16

CHILDREN'S STORY

Carol #278 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

Magi come from the East

Scripture Matthew 2:1-11

Carol #288 *“We Three Kings”*

And the Word became Flesh

Scripture John 1:1-14

SERMON – “THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE” – Pastor David Boumgarden

Lighting of the Christ Candle

SENT INTO THE WORLD AS LIGHT TO OTHERS

Carol #253 *“Silent Night, Holy Night”*