

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #154      *Jesus Entered Egypt*      R.V.Williams  
(Oxford University Press)

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE      *The Wonder of God's Love* from Love is Born      L.Larson

POSTLUDE      *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* Spiritual      L.Leatherman

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*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

The **Liturgist** for today is Sara Meissner.

**Ushers** are Sandy Burdge and Sara Meissner

**Chancel Flowers** are given by The Carson Family to celebrate the season Judy Carson so loved.

**Videographers** are Kim Ott and Ellie Annis.

**Prayer Concerns:** Evelyne Holcombe; Nick Bradshaw; Ellie Catalano; Nancy Harter; Diane McCurdy; Ruth Ellen Ortolf; Pat Vetter.

**Bible Study** today with Pastor Marcus after worship in the Memorial Room, light lunch and refreshments served.

**Deacons** meeting next Sunday, January 4th after Worship in the Memorial Room.

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PRELUDE

See Amid the Winter’s Snow

J.Gross/L.Leatherman

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

How Great Our Joy! from Love is Born

L.Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

**On this first Sunday of Christmas, we, too, have come to worship Jesus the Messiah: the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

When the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt down, paid him homage, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**On this first Sunday of Christmas, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, O God.**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Glory to God in the highest heaven!**

\*OPENING HYMN #354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

American melody

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of Christmas, we would never have thought to find your Savior in an innocent baby. We confess we would have expected a warrior with a great army. We would not have thought to find your kingdom to be one of service, obedience and humility. We confess we would have expected, maybe even wanted, a kingdom that reflected our own values and self-interests. Lord, forgive us when we quickly leave Christmas behind and neglect to live lives worthy of our calling as followers of our Lord, the Prince of Peace. By your Holy Spirit, help us turn to you and live according to the values of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Angels are Singing, Heaven is Ringing from Love is Born

L.Larson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

Henry W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, the gospel writer John tells us, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us.” As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may we hear and see the glory of Jesus Christ and receive grace upon grace. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

ANTHEM

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

Rev. Marcus Lambright

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #134

Joy to the World

G.F.Handel/L.Mason

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (Huron Carol)

B.Portman

Susan Vice, Soprano

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN #606)

Old Hundredth