

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.

SCRIPTURE READING
LUKE 2:16-18

SERMON
“THE GENEROSITY OF GOD’S LOVE THROUGH THE ‘LESS THAN’”
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM
COME TO THE STABLE
TEXT BY DANIEL TWHOHIG
MUSIC BY GEOFFREY O’HARA
ARR. BY CARL DEIS

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
WHAT CHILD IS THIS
UMH #219, v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY WILLIAM C DIX
MUSIC BY 16TH CENTURY ENGLISH MELODY
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1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

UMH #238, v 1
WORDS & MUSIC TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL
HARM. BY EDWARD SHIPPEN BARNES
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1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

POSTLUDE
AS LATELY WE WATCHED
BY LLOYD LARSON



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE *A CHRISTMAS SUITE* BY CHARLES CALLAHAN

WELCOME HOME! ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *AWAY IN A MANGER* BY JAMES R MURRAY

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Congregation: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE UMH #224 WORDS BY JOHN MASON NEALE MUSIC BY GERMAN MELODY, HARM BY GARY ALAN SMITH USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER *IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR* UMH #218, v 1 & 4 WORDS BY EDMUND H SEARS MUSIC BY RICHARD STORRS WILLIS USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* #94, UMH WORDS BY THOMAS KEN MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE* ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH *JOY TO THE WORLD*

UMH #246
WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS
MUSIC ARR BY G F HANDEL
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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 world, 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.

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.