

WORSHIP SERVICE DECEMBER 26, 2021

"DWELLING"

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Worship Leaders: CLM Sandy Knapp & Krystin Haye-Leite

Music: Delbert Collins & SOV Choir

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Delbert Collins

OPENING PRAYER

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

By:Vanderbilt Divinity Library

MUSIC "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH#234

ADVENT LIGHTING

Today we light the Christ Candle once again that illumines the Door of Welcome. May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church. May Christ's Light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality. There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy. Love comes to us at Christmas Love comes to heal our souls. Love brings an invitation that our hearts might be made whole. As we gather at the stable in the darkness, glad and grateful for the sacred in our midst, for wonder and delight, Christ is born in us. Amen

MUSIC "Go Tell It on the Mountain" UMH# 251

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD-THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE

MUSIC "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH#229

MUSIC "Angels We Have Heard On High" UMH#238

MUSIC "Away in the Manger" UMH#217

MUSIC "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH #224

CLOSING PRAYER

