

Worshiping God, Very and Eternal!

PRELUDE *In dulci jubilo* Marcel Dupré

Dennis Bergin, organ

In sweet rejoicing now sing and be joyful.

Our heart's delight lies in the manger, and shines as the sun in his mother's lap.

You are Alpha and Omega.

attr. Heinrich Suso, 14th Century

Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol Gerald Near

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Caroline Engel, Ellie McGinty, Catherine McLean, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano;

Prudence Barker, Julia Teves, violin; Bob Nagy, cello; Charis Baker, flute;

Holly Henske, clarinet; Will Barker, trombone; Matt Brantley, bass;

Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar; Greg Wagener, drums

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we have gone astray.

Chorus: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface. (*Chorus*)

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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** 1 Samuel 2:1-2, 1 Chronicles 16:28b

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: My heart rejoices in the LORD;

People: **My horn is exalted in the LORD ... because I rejoice in Your salvation.**

Pastor: There is none holy like the LORD:

People: **For there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.**

All: **Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

***RAISE YOUR VOICES! NO. 218** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED John 1:1-11

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

***PROMISED FROM CREATION!**

Joy Has Dawned



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, promised from cre - a - tion:
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
4. Son of Ad - am, Son of Heav'n giv - en as a ran - som,



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y Cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is with us;
What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - te - ry:



but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.
cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - nra - ble and help - less.
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us!
once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - to - ry!

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*** CONFESSION OF FAITH** Westminster Confession 8:2-3

Pastor: The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.

People: **So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.**

Pastor: The Lord Jesus in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell: to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator and surety.

People: **Which office He took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by His Father; who put all power and judgment into His hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same.**

***NEWS OF GREAT JOY! NO. 215** *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night*

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Isaiah 41:10a

Darren De Groot, Elder

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Exodus 35:4b-5a

This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take contribution to the LORD.

Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *Holy is His Name*
Sanctuary Choir

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior.
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy, holy, holy is His name

He has mercy in ev'ry generation
He has revealed His power and His glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly.
He has come to help His servant Israel,
He remembers His promise to our fathers.

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD	Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
SCRIPTURE TEXT	Luke 1:46-55 page 856 in the pew Bible
SERMON TITLE	<i>Mary's Song</i>

***HAIL THE KING OF GLORY! No. 229** *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Reprise: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Mary's Song

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Luke 1:46-55 | page 856 in the pew Bible

Since the Lord has done great things, you must magnify the Lord!

1. The Lord has done great things for Mary

2. The Lord has done great things for many

*Congregation please rise

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