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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE JOINT WORSHIP
DECEMBER 28, 2025 • 10:00 am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏: – Shane Cantanho

WELCOME 歓迎: — Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 招きの言葉: – Joanne Miyahara

One: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, “What now?”

All: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

One: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign

in so many places.

All: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

One: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

All: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

One: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

All: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER 祈祷:** – Joanne Miyahara

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. Loving God, we pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the

name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray.
Amen.

***SONG: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH #220**

– Wesley Praise Band

*Words by James Montgomery, Music by Henry T. Smart,
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Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

***SONG: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”**

— Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Henry Wordsworth Longfellow and Music by Jean Baptiste Calkin
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I heard the bells on Christmas day
their old familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat
of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
the belfries of all Christendom
had rolled along th’unbroken song
of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For hate is strong, and mocks the song
of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep:
“God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;

the wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
with peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then ringing, singing on its way,
the world revolved from night to day—
a voice, a chime, a chant sublime
of peace on earth, good will to men!

Children and Youth remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Joanne Miyahara
Matthew 2:13-15

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Hikaru Bakoshi 馬越ひかる
マタイによる福音書 2章13節-15節(新共同訳)

¹³星術の学者たちが帰って行くと、主の天使が夢でヨセフに現れて言った。「起きて、子供とその母親を連れて、エ

ジプトに逃げ、わたしが告げるまで、そこにとどまっていなさい。ヘロデが、この子を探し出して殺そうとしている。」¹⁴ヨセフは起きて、夜のうちに幼子とその母を連れてエジプトへ去り、¹⁵ヘロデが死ぬまでそこにいた。それは、「わたしは、エジプトからわたしの子を呼び出した」と、主が預言者を通して言われていたことが実現するためであった。

MESSAGE 説教:

“Out of Egypt I have called my son”

— Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual Formation,
Community Engagement, and Music

SONG: “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

— Wesley Praise Band

*Words by Jean de Brebeuf and music French Canadian Carol
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’Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wondering hunters heard the hymn:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark

the tender babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver belt.

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,
O seed of Manitou,
the holy Child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金: — Joanne Miyahara

OFFERTORY MUSIC: — Shane Cantanho

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***DOXOLOGY** 頌栄: — Wesley Praise Band

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words by Thomas Ken, Music by Luis Bourgeois

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In Japanese:

A-me-tsu-chi ko-zo-ri-te

Ka-shi-ko-mi ta-ta-e-yo

Mi-me-gu-mi a-fu-ru-ru

Chi-chi mi-ko mi-ta-ma wo. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** 祈祷: — Joanne Miyahara

Steadfast God of refuge and promise, even when the world makes no room, even when fear seems stronger than hope, you are with us. In the flight to Egypt, in the cries of grief, in the fragile beginnings of new life, you make a way. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our willingness to make room for your kingdom among us.

Use what we bring—not just our treasure, but our time, our voices, our compassion—to heal what is broken, to protect the vulnerable, and to embody your saving love. In the name of Jesus, our Light in the shadows. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — Rev. John Oda

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Creator, 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.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”** – Wesley Praise Band

Polish carol, trans. by Edith M.G. Reed.

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Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

***BENEDICTION 祝禱:** – Mark Teagle

***RESPONSE 応答:** – “Go Now In Peace”

– Wesley Praise Band

Words and Music: Don Besig OneLicense 735877-A.

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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