

*Welcome to worship on this first Sunday of the Christmas season!
Even though it feels as though Christmas is over, it continues in our hearts and lives as we continue to know that Jesus is present!*

Order of Worship

Prelude: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. Larry Shackley
. Mr. Dan Chien, Organist

Call to Worship Rev. Richard Dykstra, Minister
God is here! The Messiah has come!
We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.
We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,
and to bring glory to God the Father.
In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ in declaring to
God that he is the supreme authority in our lives.
We bow before him in submission to our Lord and King.
Come, worship the Lord!

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
O come; all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come Ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

O sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, All glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, We greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n,



BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM

"DO NOT BE AFRAID.
I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS
THAT WILL CAUSE GREAT JOY
FOR ALL THE PEOPLE."

LUKE 2:10, NIV

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

* **Prayer of Invocation**

O Lord, our God,
as we celebrate again the festival of Christmas,
we ask you to make us humble and loving like Jesus,
 who did not come to be served but to serve,
 and who said that it is better to give than to receive,
so that in his name
we may devote ourselves to the care
 and service of all who are in need.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Response: *“Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay, Close by
me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.”*

Words of Assurance- Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of
his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no
longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through
God.

Special Music: “There’s Still My Joy” arr. Roger Emerson

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: “Is Christmas Over (Yet?)”

Offertory: “In the Bleak Midwinter” arr. by Larry Shackley

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

Incarnate God, with the angels we sing and glorify your name,
 thankful for all that you have given us:
 for your presence in the world . . .
 for our nation . . .
 for our community and its leaders . . .
 for the witness of your church celebrating around the world . . .
But today we are especially grateful for the gift of your Son,
 who gave up his heavenly home for a manger and a cross so
 that we might experience redemption, a gift that neither spoils
 nor fades.
With the angels we also desire peace on earth, a peace that is
 broader and deeper than the end of war. We pray for the resto-
 ration of this world, for the growth of your kingdom, for
 reconciliation, healing, and renewal. We bring before you our
 prayers for
 the nations of the world, especially . . .
 our nation and those in authority . . .
 our community and those who govern it . . .
 the church universal, its mission, and those who minister . . .
 the local congregation and its ministry, especially . . .
 those with particular needs on this holy day . . .
Make your incarnate presence known in each situation, and may
 we as your servants be vessels of your peace.
We pray this in the name of the one who became flesh and dwelt
 among us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Postlude: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” arr. David Paxton