

## Sunday, January 2, 2022 - The Mystery Made Known

### Welcome

Jane: *Good morning and welcome to worship. Whether you are here in person or joining us online, we pray that each of us will find joy and find Jesus as we worship today. As we stand at the beginning of a new year, we are called to worship Christ--the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end--with words that bring us back to the very beginning. Today we continue to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. The season of Advent is over. Yet as we live in the "already but the not yet", we keep longing and hoping for all things to be made new. In this new year we may encounter joys and sorrows, division and unity, but we know that God is with us. And God greets us. And calls to us to come and worship.*

### Call to Worship John 1:1-18

J: In the beginning was the Word,

P: and the Word was with God,

L: and the Word was God.

J: He was with God in the beginning.

P: Through him all things were made;

L: without him nothing was made that has been made.

J: In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

P: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**J,P,L: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.**

J: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,

P: who came from the Father,

L: full of grace and truth.

**Songs:** I Am Not My Own

### Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news from John 1.*

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

**Prayer for Illumination** - video

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:1-14 - video

**Sermon:** "The Mystery Made Known" – video

**Song:** We Seek Your Kingdom

**Prayers for the Church and the World** - Jane

**Benediction:** Jane