

# *The Lord is Come—Incarnate Joy*

Welcome

**Prelude** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear—Charla Yoder

**\*Carol 234** O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-3,6)

**\*Lighting the Christ Candle**

Unto us this night is born a savior who is Christ, the child of the Holy One:

**This one IS the source of our hope, love, joy, & peace.**

This evening, we joyfully light the Christ Candle, remembering the night when God's love came down at the Savior's birth. God is with us, and loves us!

**Now all the candles are lit, and later each one of us will light our own candles, as a sign that we all have a part to play as we light up the world with God's joy.**

**\*Prayer**

**Holy God, we give you thanks that you became Joy-Made-Flesh in Jesus Christ so that your hope, love, joy and peace could be multiplied in all of heaven and earth. Help us to remember that this is our true nature, and that simply being the humans you have created us to be is what you want us to do fully, hopefully, lovingly, unabashedly, and peacefully  
Amen.**

**\*Carol 230** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Special Music** Mary Did You Know? - Isaac Lake  
Joy To The World—Leah Lake

**The Christmas Story:** Luke 2: 1-20 (Message) Isaac Lake

**\*Carol 219** What Child Is This?

**Message** "The Lord Is Come: Incarnate Joy"  
Rev. Kevin Shelton

**Special Music** Love Came Down Sam Crust

**Offering & Offertory**

O Holy Night—Charla Yoder

**Doxology 95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Carol 240** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

**The 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, and 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, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion**

Thank you, most generous and holy God, for the gift of this meal we have shared as family. Lord, keep us together as family, and strengthen and lead us to share your light with one another and with all the world. In Jesus' loving name, Amen.

**Special Music** The Heart of Christmas—Ellen Lake

**Sharing The Light 239** Silent Night

- During the singing of this hymn we will light our candles.
- Tilt only an unlit candle to light it off a burning candle.
- Please keep lit candles upright at all times.

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Silent Night—Charla Yoder

Merry Christmas And  
Happy New Year!

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