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CHRISTMAS IN JULY SERVICE

July 15, 2018 10:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING 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!**

**Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts
of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
All glory in the highest!**

Refrain: **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has
shined.

Pastor: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests
upon His shoulders

People: **And He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN "O Holy Night"

**O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!**

READING Luke 2: 1-7

HYMN "Away In a Manger"

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
~~The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,~~
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**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.**

READING Luke 2: 8-20

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem,	O holy Child of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie!	Descend to us, we pray;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep	Cast out our sin, and enter in;
The silent stars go by;	Be born in us today.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth	We hear the Christmas angels
The everlasting Light;	The great glad tidings tell;
The hopes and fears of all the years	O come to us, abide with us,
Are met in thee tonight.	Our Lord Emmanuel.

READING Matthew 2: 1-12

HYMN "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

While shepherds watched their	And this shall be the sign:
flocks by night,	And this shall be the sign:
All seated on the ground,	
The angel of the Lord came down,	"The heav'nly Babe you
And glory shone around,	there shall find
And glory shone around.	To human view displayed,
	All meanly wrapped in
"To you, in David's town this day,	swathing bands,
Is born of David's line,	And in a manger laid;
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,	And in a manger laid."

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1: 18-25

MESSAGE "***The Real Meaning of Christmas***" The Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock

ANTHEM

OFFERING

Offertory
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF LIGHT

UNISON READING John 8: 12; Matthew 5: 14-16

Jesus ... (said), "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

(Jesus said), "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

HYMN "Silent Night! Holy Night"

**Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.**

**Holy Infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;**

**Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy**

**holy face,
With the dawn of
redeeming grace,
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

HYMN "Joy to the World"

**Joy to the world!
the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare
Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with
truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His
righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders
of His love.**

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE