

*For a child is born
to us, a son is given
to us.*

– Isaiah 9:6

December 25, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Day

Christmas Day Service

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Carol Rhapsody” (Purvis) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

Come and see the light that has been given.

We, who have grown comfortable with darkness, are seeing the light.

What seemed impossible is now revealed.

A child has been given, God among us.

Let us live as people who know the impossible power of the infant King.

*OPENING HYMN “What Child Is This?” UMH 219

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**We believe that the Holy One who whispers today:
is the One whose words formed the ground under our
feet, the stars over our heads, the depths of the waters
is the One who Word is breath and life itself.**

**We believe that Jesus, God’s Son
is this Word who was there in the beginning
is the summons in every prophet’s true call
is a person who came into the world like the rest of us —
vulnerable, needy.**

**We believe that Jesus, in living this human life with us,
opened us to new understanding of God,
turned the world right side up
undid death’s hold
and showed us the beautiful truth of our humanity in
eyes that cried, lips that laughed, and hands and feet that
bled.**

**We believe that the Spirit of God
is with us now
connects us with Jesus
mends our broken hearts, broken lives, broken
relationships
and teaches us love for both the community who calls
him Lord and the world he came to save. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “Shepherds, Rejoice!” (Kensinger) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON
SCRIPTURE READING

Chancel Choir
Rev. Lattig
Kathleen Meredith

Isaiah 9:2-7

- ² The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness,
a light will shine.
- ³ You will enlarge the nation of Israel,
and its people will rejoice.
They will rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest
and like warriors dividing the plunder.
- ⁴ For you will break the yoke of their slavery
and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.
You will break the oppressor's rod,
just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.
- ⁵ The boots of the warrior
and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned.
They will be fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ His government and its peace
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

ANTHEM "Slumber, Infant Jesus" (Englert) Chancel Choir
SERMON "God Revealed Among Us" Rev. Lattig
OFFERTORY "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Barr) Henry Repp

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*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Miraculous God, we release our gifts to you today, knowing that even as we expect great things from you, your plans will always surprise and amaze us. Bless our offerings and open us up to your vision for their use. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

UMH 251

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on ‘Gloria’” (Long)

Henry Repp

**There will be one combined service on January 1, 2023,
New Year’s Day, at 10:30 a.m.**

Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Organist/Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
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