

Order of Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 am – December 25, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

arr. Paul Manz

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Lance Crane—organ

WELCOME

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

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1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door,
and ye are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Fran Turner, liturgist

L. The world was once in darkness

P. Now we have God's Light, Jesus to shine on us.

L. The words and promises of God are all true!

P. God has given us the best gift of all!

L. Rejoice! God is with us!

P. Praise be to God! Amen

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HYMN

He is Born, the Holy Child

UMH 228

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Refrain: He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

1 Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! **(Refrain)**

2 O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure gracious gift to humankind! **(Refrain)**

3 Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace. **(Refrain)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1: 1-14 (NRSV)* Fran Turner, liturgist
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Matt McPhee

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Emmanuel* UMH 204
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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel:
God with us, revealed in us! His name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy One, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we seek to honor you with these gifts. We know that everything in this world is a gift from you, O God, so we humbly return a generous portion of these gifts to you. We pray that these gifts may help this church to change people's lives and to spread your message of salvation. In the name of the Babe lying in the manger, we pray. Amen. (Copyright © 2022 David S. Bell. Reprinted with permission from www.DavidSBell.org)

HYMN *Christ is the World's Light* (UMH 188)
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1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother;
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On This Day, Earth Shall Ring "Personet Hodie"* arr. Phil Lehenbauer
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Prayer Requests

Thousand Oaks UMC—Pastor Anna Mulford

First UMC of Canoga Park—Pastor Elaine Shin-Paull

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Ukraine



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