

Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

10:00 am – January 3, 2021

Watching Live?

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

PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines That Morning Star
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by Charles Callahan

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

UMH 250

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1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

OPENING PRAYER

God of glory, Your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of Your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, ©2002)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Jesus Gift

Daniel and Arielle Brackett, vocalists; Miriam Arichea, piano

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Wonder As I Wander

Ron Harrington, vocalist; Tyler Carlisle, piano

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2: 1-5; John 14: 1-3 (NRSV)
The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

But God!

Rev. Dr. Mary Dennis

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace and mercy, there are times when we get stuck in a dark night of the soul, but You shine Your endless light into our lives. There are times when we feel alone and abandoned, but You choose to be Emmanuel, God with us, in Jesus Christ. Use these gifts, and our lives, to nurture ministries that help all people experience the transformation that is possible in Your light and love. Amen.
(Rev. Erin Maddox McPhee, ©2020)

HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

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We are *marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)
We are marching, we are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)

*singing, walking, ringing, dancing, praying

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships (traditional tune)
Tyler Carlisle, piano

arr. John Schmidt

Prayer Requests

Tom (Wes Fish's nephew) and Tom's father-in-law — both struggling with COVID

Dick Hatcher — recovery from stroke

Sylvia Mack — recuperating from a fall that resulted in two broken ribs

Mike Schultz (son of Annie Schultz) — COVID

Kathi Taylor — struggling with health issues

Healing for those infected and affected by Covid-19.

Healing for those who have experienced racism.

Healing for those who have been injured through hatred.

Healing of the separation we have from the Lord's ways (Sin).

Healing for the church that still awaits our time to gather for "in-person" worship.

Healing for the Body of Christ!

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

Communion and Christmas Carols – Today at 2 PM. **ZOOM Meeting ID: 845 7274 1086**

Virtual communion and a Christmas carol sing along (led by Tyler Carlisle) will be held today at 2:00 pm. Bring your bread and juice (grape is preferred) to be consecrated virtually by the Pastors.