

*The Worship of God*  
The Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 3, 2021

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light.**

For unto us a child is born.

**His name is wonderful counselor, mighty God,  
everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Brothers and Sisters, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Christmas Carol

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men from heavens all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow;  
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace, their King,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Silent Prayers of Thanksgiving

*"Look now . . . rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing."  
What in this past year can you be thankful for?  
How have you seen God at work?"*

Gospel Reading  
John 1: 1-18

The word of the Lord for God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Praying with the Psalmist and Prophet  
(from Psalm 147 and Jeremiah 31)

Sing to God a hymn of thanksgiving,  
**for God is the one who rebuilds.**

God gathers all who are left behind, bringing us back in  
**replacing mourning and sadness with joy,  
giving gladness for sorrow.**

Worship God and sing praises;

**God has blessed us and brings peace.**

The earth reflects God's glory. God is our provider and strength.

**Let us now sing and praise God together. Amen.**

Christmas Carol

*Once in Royal David's City*

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her Baby, in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.

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, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

For He 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 cares when we are sad, and he shares when we are glad.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Readings  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Ephesians 1:3-14

Christmas Hymn

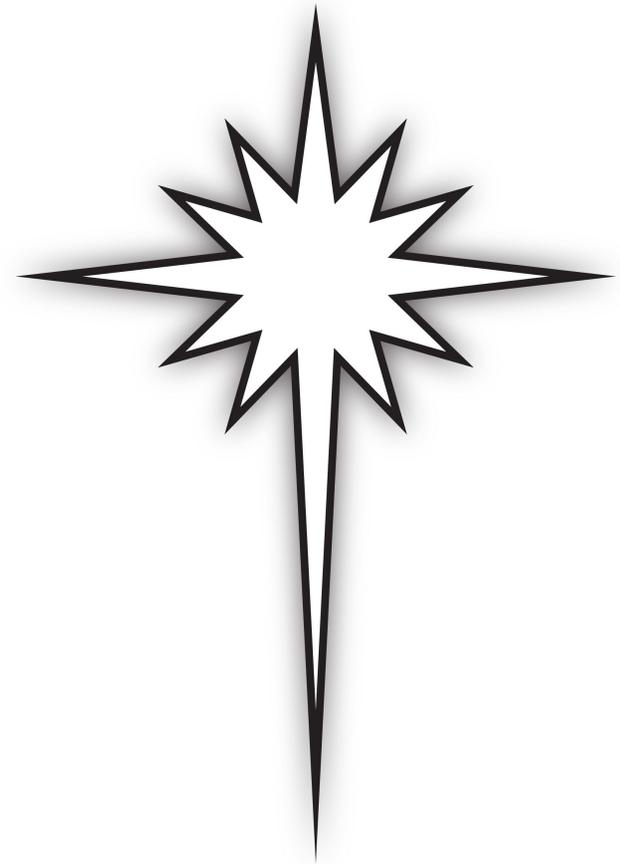
*Nations That Long in Darkness Walked*

Sermon

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

- *The Work of Christmas*, by Howard Thurman

Benediction



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*Welcome Visitors!*

We would love to meet you. We invite you to [complete our visitor form](#).

*Sunday Classes*

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