

Many Thanks to those helping with tonight's service!

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New Year's Sunday, January 1, we invite you to worship with us for one service at 10:00 am. On Sunday, January 8, we return to two morning services - Traditional at 9:30 am and Contemporary at 11:00 am.



*The Pastors and Staff of the United Methodist Church of
Libertyville wish you all a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*

May the Christ Child fill your life with joy and peace.



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A Christmas Day Celebration Service

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00am



Gathering

Greeting & Announcements

Merry Christmas to all!

Prelude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

C. Callaban

*Call to Worship

Mr. Steve March

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.

We receive good tidings of joy, words of peace, a message of salvation.

Break forth into singing, for God has comforted the people, brought bloom to the wasteland, shown strength in all the nations.

Word of the infant born in Bethlehem is our good news.

Christ is born. The prophet's hopes are made flesh and all our longings are made human in joy.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born today!

* Opening Song

"Joy to the World"

No. 246

Unison Prayer

O Jesus, Christ and Redeemer, we greet your morning with joy. We lift our spirits with thanksgiving for all your mercies that your sharing of our humanity brings.

We thank you for Christmas joy-for toys and for friendship renewed and for hearts warmed by love.

We thank you for this Christian community which has become Bethlehem for us this morning. We ask you to transform our joy into new lives as we find ourselves and each other in the new life of Christ Jesus. Amen

Lighting of the Christmas Wreath

The Christ Candle

Introduction

Jesus Calls to Us

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:13-14

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer

Christmas Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 234, vs. 1 & 3

First Scripture

John 1:1-5, 11-14

Solo

"Worship the King"

B. George

Jane Victor

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Carol Melody

(Please join us in singing the first and last verse)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

No. 224

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 238

Congregational Selections

Second Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Reflection

"The Calling of Mary"

Teri Dreher

Presentation of our Tithes and Christmas Offerings

* Doxology

"Christ Is Born"

R. Charles

* Prayer of Dedication

Jane Victor

* Hymn of Dedication

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

No. 251

* Christmas Benediction

Postlude

"Yorkshire"

C. Callaban

