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Christmas Eve Service

Welcome – Rev. Ron Albinet

Opening Prayer and Call to Worship

Opening Song - #182 O Come All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading – John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^(a) it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor... *Chorus*

(Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross... *Chorus 2x*

CCLI Song # 3266032

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 9:1-7

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

²The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness,^(a)
a light will shine.

³You 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.

⁴For 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.

⁵The boots of the warrior
and the uniforms bloodstained by war
will all be burned.

They will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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,^(a) Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His 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!

Mary, Did You Know?

Mary did you know... that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water
Mary did you know... that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters
Did you know... that your baby boy
Has come to make you new
This Child that you delivered... will soon deliver you

Mary did you know... that your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man
Mary did you know... that your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand
Did you know... that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God...
Oh Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mary did you know... that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know... that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations
Did you know... that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb
The sleeping Child you're holding...
Is the great I Am

CCLI Song # 839225

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while^(a) Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

Song #185 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Scripture Reading – Luke 11:33-36, 1John 1:5-7

³³“No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your whole body also is full of darkness. ³⁵See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Song #180 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Meditation – God is Light

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

“Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see.

For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you.

Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth,

but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you.

All nations will come to your light;

mighty kings will come to see your radiance...

“No longer will you need the sun to shine by day,
nor the moon to give its light by night,
for the Lord your God will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

Your sun will never set;

your moon will not go down.

For the Lord will be your everlasting light.

Your days of mourning will come to an end.

Lighting of the Candles

Song #179 – Joy to the World!

The Benediction (The Blessing of God)

*Lord, now you are letting your servant^(a) depart in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.*

(Luke 2:29-32)



All are invited for coffee/tea and cookies in the fellowship hall after the service

*No offering is being taken this evening.
However if you came planning to give something, you may leave it on the plate in front of the pulpit after the service.*

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