

**Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all.'

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 103:1-5]

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let us not forget all his benefits—

People: He who forgives all our iniquities, who heals our diseases, who redeems our lives from the Pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, and who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: Let us worship our incredible God.

Hymn of Praise

#140, "Once in Royal David's City," vs. 1, 3, 4

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.

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 feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

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.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving Father, we confess that sometimes we believe we can do things all by ourselves without you. Other times we get so worried about the past, our present, and even what the future might hold that we forget that you give us everything we have, you make us who we are, and you are with us even now. Please forgive us for when put ourselves first and forget about you. Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us. Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you. In Jesus 'name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 8:1; 15-17]

Leader: Hear the Good News. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a Spirit of adoption.

People: When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with

our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those of us who are in Christ Jesus.

People: Praise God!

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

*Hymn of Preparation

#695, "Change My Heart, O God"

Refrain:

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Luke 2: 41-52

41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. 43 After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Sermon

“Early Days of Faith... My Father’s House”

IF WE MISS YOU

-Andrew King

If we miss you leaving the festival
leaving the celebrations and memories
leaving the feasting and traditions
leaving the prayers and the songs;

if we miss you leaving the festival
returning to the stresses and pressures
returning to demands and deadlines
returning to the everyday routines –

we can find you in places of peacefulness
we can find you where God’s wisdom is spoken
we can find you where holiness is nurtured
we can find you where God’s love is shared

and then we’ll find you back with us in our travels
we will find you still with us at home
we will find you growing stronger within us
your grace embracing us, our hearts your own.

Responding to God’s Word

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the light of the world to show us your way of truth in parables and miracles and to save us from sin and death. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name. Amen

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Spirit

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of the People

[various prayers]

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Response: Have mercy on us.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#2162, "Grace Alone," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Every promise we can make
Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we will make
is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb
Every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind
is only by His grace

Refrain:
Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us, our cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach
Every hearth we hope to teach
Everywhere we share His peace
is only by His grace

Every loving word we say
Every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise
is only by His grace

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "You Are My Hiding Place," Melodies of Praise

*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2069, "All Hail King Jesus," Sing the Faith Hymnal

All hail King Jesus!
All hail Emmanuel!
King of Kings
Lord of Lord
Bright Morning Star
And throughout eternity
I'll sing Your praises
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity

*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able