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Christmas Day December 25. 2022 11:00 A.M.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher

#### COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

*Go Tell Them* Written & Arranged by Rosemary Farmer

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN

AN Hymn No. 110 Angels from the Realm of Glory

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, you have sent a star to guide us to the holy child, Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word. Holy One, Prince of Peace, be the light in our darkness today. As we have lit the candle of Hope, we pray for those who feel hopeless. As we have lit the candle of Peace, we pray for all victims of violence. As we have lit the candle of Joy, we pray for those whose hearts are weighed down by sorrow. As we have lit the candle of Love, we pray for those who do not feel loved, for those who struggle to love others. Holy One, be the light in our darkness that we might reflect Your light into the dark corners of our world. Amen. \*

#### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, He also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **People:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

#### OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Twelve Days of Christmas

+PASTORAL PRAYER

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** 

OFFERTORY

Joan Stevens

Christmas Everyday

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

MINSTRY OF MUSIC

Mary, Did You Know? Bill Small, tenor Susan Small, soprano

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)

#### +SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Matthew 2:1-2

**Reader:** Response: **The Word of the Lord** Thanks be to God

SERMON Pastor Richard Allen Farmer Unpacking the Text of a Carol, part 3 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

#### MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN	Hymn No. 120
Joy to the World, The Lord Is Come	

#### BENEDICTION

#### People: Amen

#### POSTLUDE

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS. GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church. (All music and words approved by CCLI License No. 58738)

\*No entry at this time. \* Prayers by Beryl Lindsay

# OPENING HYMNHymn No. 110ANGELS FROM THE REALM OF GLORY

Angels from the realms of glory Wing your flight through all the earth Ye who sang creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth

## **Refrain:**

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding Watching o'er your flocks by night God with man is now residing Yonder shines the infant light

## Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplation Brighter visions beam afar Seek the great Desire of nations Ye have seen His natal star

## Refrain

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear Suddenly the Lord Descending, In His temple shall appear.

Refrain

James Montgomery

## CLOSING HYMN Hymn No. 120 JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME

Joy to the world The Lord is come Let earth receive her King, Let every heart prepare Him room And Heaven and nature sing (2x) And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth The Savior reigns Let men their songs employ While fields and floods Rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy (2x)

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found (2x) Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world With truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love (2x) And wonders, and wonders of His love

Isaac Watts

## THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS MY JESUS GAVE TO ME

On the first day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: salvation full and free.

On the second day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the third day of Christmas Jesus gave to me: Peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the fourth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: love for all men, Peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the fifth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the sixth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me; power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the seventh day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: a body glorified, power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free. On the eighth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: a robe and a crown, a body glorified, power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free

On the ninth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: mansions above, a robe and a crown, a body glorified, power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the tenth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: streets of pure gold, mansions above, a robe and a crown, a body glorified, power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: a thousand tongues to sing, streets of pure gold, mansions above, a robe and a crown, a body glorified, power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my Jesus gave to me: eternity to praise, a thousand tongues to sing, streets of pure gold, mansions above, a robe and a crown, a body glorified, power from on high, joy for my soul, love for all men, peace in my heart, everlasting life, and salvation full and free. By Carroll Roberson