

INCARNATION

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Prelude

Ruben

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship

Although we walk in darkness, we have seen a great light!

The light shines upon us; God brings us great joy!

The Lord is our light and our salvation, why should we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life. Let us praise our God with joy!

Opening Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#224

Good Christian friend, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Hear ye now of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Lighting of Advent Candle

Hymn of Response

Love Came Down at Christmas

#242

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;

Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God-head, Love incarnate, Love divine;

Worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;

Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Scripture

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Message

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Closing Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#230 (2)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.,
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

Sending Forth