

CHRISTMAS

First Sunday in Christmas

Sunday, January 1, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS**

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *O Sanctissima*

Diane Bish

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #157:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9 (*Old Testament page 693*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL: #860 Psalm 148

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18 (*New Testament page 219*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:13-23 (*New Testament page 2*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #154: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

SERMON: *Rev. Steve Elde*

...and to respond with our lives...

HYMN #170: *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

Announcements

Offering

*Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

TAKING

Institution

Mystery of our Faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BLESSING

BREAKING: *Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.*

GIVING: *Offering the bread, offering the cup.*

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #179:** *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*

***BENEDICTION**

May Christ our infant Savior give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshiping sages, and the humility and love of Mary and Joseph. **Amen.**

May God who sent angels from heaven to proclaim the glad news of our Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel in all you say and do. **Amen.**

May Christ, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven give you God's peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN #173** *Good Christians All, Rejoice*

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you need not fear the grave.

Peace! Peace! 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!

POSTLUDE: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

ARR.: *Humphrey Turner*

GREETERS: Waite family

READERS: Trevor and Jonah Scranton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sonja Whitaker

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Ann and Trevor Scranton

LIVESTREAM: Kendall Magnuson

