

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
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## --WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## --SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

**“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”** (Titus 3:4-6)

Verse 1...Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus...You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 2...Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus...

Verse 3...Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Sing Chorus twice...

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## **“Christ Be Our Light”**

Verse 1...Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.

Chorus...Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Verse 2...Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your Word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us Your living voice. Chorus...

Verse 5...Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come. Chorus...

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## --COMMUNION DISMISSAL

## --MEMORY VERSE

**“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” (Luke 1:45)**

## --BENEDICTION

## --CLOSING SONG

**“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)**

Judges 5:31; Ecclesiastes 12:4; Psalm 7:17; Isaiah 42:21;

Verse 1...Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Verse 2...Joy to the world, the Savior reigns.

Let all their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Chorus...Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well, no tongue can tell! Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

Verse 3...He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness. And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love. Chorus...

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P. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

# THE CONNECTION

December 19, 2021  
10:30am

**“CONNECT...  
GROW...  
GO...”**



## --PRESERVICE SONG “Light of the World”

## --WELCOME & WORDS OF PEACE

## --MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE / TITHES & OFFERING

## --MEMORY VERSE

**The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)**

## --WORSHIP SONG

**“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”**

(Matthew 1:23)

Verse 1...What hope we hold this starlit night: a King is born in Bethlehem. Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

Verse 2...What fear we felt in the silent age, four hundred years can He be found? But broken by a Baby's cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

Chorus...Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Praise His name, Emmanuel.

Verse 3...The Son of God, here, born to bleed; a crown of thorns would pierce His brow. And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings, praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

Sing Chorus twice, then...Praise His name, Emmanuel.

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## --INVOCATION

## --CONFESSION OF SINS

## --ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## --STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

### *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## --FIRST LESSON *Micah 5:2-5a*

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength  
of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

## --SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 10:5-10*

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he  
said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken  
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and  
sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then  
he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will."

He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the  
offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## --GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 1:39-45*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill  
country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of  
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth  
heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.  
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she  
exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this  
granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to  
me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to  
my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And  
blessed is she who believed that there would be a  
fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

## --CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### --MESSAGE SONG "Mary, Did You Know?"

(*Isaiah 35:5-6; Matthew 11:5*)

Verse 1...Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would  
some 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?

Verse 2...Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will give  
sight to a 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, that when you kiss your little Baby,  
you've kissed the face of God? Oh, Mary did you know...

Instrumental Interlude, then Bridge... 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.

Verse 3...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 was Heaven's perfect Lamb? And the  
sleeping Child you're holding is the great "I Am?"  
Mary, did you know?

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## --MESSAGE OF THE DAY

### "FROM CONCEPTION TO EXECUTION"

~The Rev. Paul Rieger

## --PRAYERS

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:  
"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

(Sung at beginning and end of the prayers)

"The Spirit Intercedes For Us" (*Romans 8:26*)

Sung intermittently during the prayers...

The Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for  
words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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## --THE LORD'S PRAYER---*Caribbean*

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily  
bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who tres-  
pass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.

Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.