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Trinity

United Methodist Church

December 27, 2020

Jesus, help us continue to celebrate Your birth now and, indeed, all year.

Gather to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

(Welcome! If you are a visitor, please fill out the card in the back of the pew.)

We Worship as the Church

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Tim Olsen

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ
You gave Yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our hearts,
He may save us from all our sins,
and restore within us the image
and likeness of our Creator,
to whom be everlasting praise and glory,
world without end. Amen.

Hymn of Praise 220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs 1,3,4 by Tim Olsen and Melanie Wohlford)

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

Congregational Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts and Ourselves

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor: Gracious God, thank You for the gifts of Christmas
that bless us throughout the year.
As we offer You our offering in gratitude and praise,
we dedicate our very lives to the building
of Your spiritual kingdom. Amen.

Offering - Please bring up the offering.

***The Doxology (Sung by Tim Olsen and Melanie Wohlford. You may hum along.)**

*“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.”*

Children’s Moment

The Proclamation of the Word

Invitation to the Word

Pastor: Ever-faithful God, the miracles of Christmas
bless us throughout our lives.
Bless with a strong trust and faith,
that we may see signs of Your promised salvation
surrounding us every day.

Scripture Reading Psalm 61:10-11; Matthew 5:6

Pastor: The Word of God for us the people of God.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness”

Rev. Jay Winston

Sending Forth

Hymn of Service 240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

(all verses by Tim Olsen
and Melanie Wohlford)

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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Benediction

Pastor: Go in peace, for we have seen
the salvation of our God.
Go with joy, for Christ has clothed us
with love.
Go in hope, for the Spirit shows us
our glorious inheritance in the Lord.
Go with God now and into the new year. Amen.

Postlude

Tim Olsen

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Trinity Family
donated by a church member.*

Sentence Sermon: “Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a moving on, with all the
wisdom that experience can instill in us.” -- Hal Borland

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