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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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PRAISE *Joy to the World*
O Come All Ye Faithful
Little Drummer Boy

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Oh Holy Night*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE Zephaniah 3:14-20
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CENTERING WORDS

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ---Isaiah 12:2-3

PRELUDE *Greensleeves* arr. Richard Purvis

HANDBELL INTROIT *Soliloquy on 'Silent Night'* arr. Leonard G. Lutz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy.
We rejoice in Christ's love.
Pray with hope.
Our hope rests in God alone.
Journey with trust.
God's Spirit is guiding our way.

*OPENING HYMN *Joy to the World* No. 246

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*OPENING PRAYER

As we bring our songs of joy, gracious God, inspire joy in every aspect of our lives. Sing to our hearts, Song of the Cosmos, that our hearts may sing the joy of Christmas all year long. In love and trust, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell
Away in a Manger (as children come and go) No. 217
Nursery care is available.
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *We Three Kings* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Star-Child* TFWS #2095
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

HANDBELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Christmas is Coming Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE READINGS Zephaniah 3:4-20
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HYMN (remain seated) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 216

SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF JOY*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory Chorale from "A Christmas Oratorio" J.S. Bach
 *Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God, whose dawn transfigures night,
 Whose Daystar shines for us on high.
 Whose Spirit brings into our sight.
 The Joy to which our world draws nigh.**

*CLOSING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* No. 240

***BENEDICTION**

Go with laughter.
Go with joy.
 Go with the love for God and God's world.

*CHORAL ANTHEM *Christmas in About Three Minutes* Mark Wenton

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Virgil Fox



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