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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



DECEMBER 15, 2019



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PRAISE SONGS
Rock of Ages
Little Drummer Boy
Hark the Herald Angels

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
 Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

SCRIPTURE
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SERMON **MANAGING CHRISTMAS:** Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
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OFFERING *On Bended Knee*

COMMUNION *Mary Did You Know*

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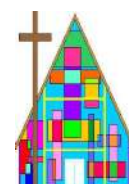
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HOPE, JOY AND LOVE RISING!

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CENTERING WORDS

Deserts bloom with life.
The fearful find their strength.
In Christ, we are surprised by joy.

PRELUDE

The First Noel

INTROIT

Joy to the World
What is This Lovely Fragrance?

arr. Joel Raney
arr. Linda Lamb

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come onto the highway of Christ,
a holy way in the wilderness of life.
 Look for the presence of joy,
a gift of glory and majesty.
 Return to God's love,
where we shall know no fear.
 Come with hearts full of song,
for sorrow and sighing have fled.
Here and now, we will find joy and gladness!

*OPENING HYMN

There's a Song in the Air

No. 249

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

**As the days darken and the winter winds blow,
 help us, O Promised One, to keep you in our vision.
 Surprise us with joy!
 Lift our hearts to look and see your blessed presence.
 Let us not lose sight of the promise you bring in this season.
 Let your light shine in the darkness for all to see.
 Shine through us with your promise.
 Live through us with your strength.
 And love through us with your mercy,
 that we might be messengers of joy and love. Amen.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Mary Had a Baby

arr. John A. Behnke

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

Away in a Manger (as children come and go)
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers.

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

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HYMN (remain seated) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 216

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Adagio*
 Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 238

*BENEDICTION

Go forth in hope.
Go forth in peace.
 Go forth in love for the world.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Joy to the World* No. 246

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing
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 and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Virgil Fox

Happy 3rd week of Advent!

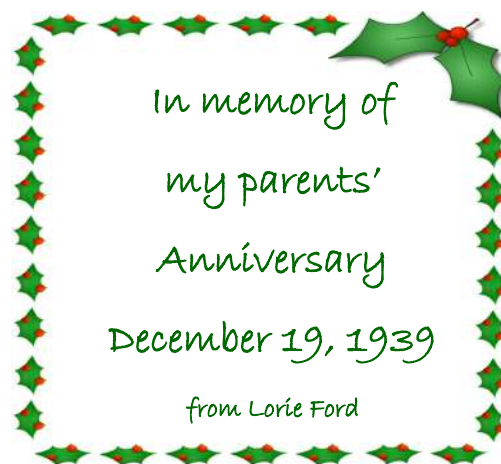


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