

Worship Outline

Christmas 1

December 29, 2019

We Gather

Prelude

Green

tune—Wood

Forest

based on an English folk

Introit

Glorify Thy Name

Hughes

+Call to Worship (responsive)

As another year draws to a close

we gather to give thanks.

As another year begins

we gather to think of all that

has been and what is yet to be.

As we reflect on all you have

done and still do for us

We gather to offer

our grateful praise.

+Hymn 134

Joy to the World

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

The Peace and Welcome

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

Shepherds, Rejoice!

Kinsinger
Chancel Choir

Psalm 148

All: Praise the Lord!

Group 1: Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Group 2: Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Group 1: Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

Group 2: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Group 1: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

Group 2: He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Group 1: Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

Group 2: fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Group 1: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

Group 2: Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Group 1: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Group 2: Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Group 1: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

Group 2: He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the Lord!

+Hymn 140
City

Once in Royal David's

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Prayer Response

Little Babe of Bethlehem
Hughes

Offering
Invitation

The prophet Isaiah remembers so many things God has done for the people out of the abundance of God's steadfast love. God continues to bless the world with abundance, and

we share our gifts today out of that abundance in the hope that this church will be a blessing to the world. Let us gather...

Offertory

Joy to the World
Handel arr. Gail Smith
Emma Kanerva, piano

+Doxology #84 (verse 4)

*To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. A-men.*

+Dedication

There are so many things
to be thankful for God.
Receive these tokens of our gratitude
for your love incarnate
in the babe of Bethlehem...

Sending

+Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

+Benediction and Blessing

God, we come to worship in this new year hoping it will be better.

Guide our thinking and doing and help us remember:

2020 will be kinder,

if I am kinder.

2020 will be more compassionate,

if I show more compassion.

2020 will be less anxious,

if I offer more grace.

2020 will be more just,

if I advocate for more justice.

2020 will be less contentious,

if I speak more gently.

2020 will be less violent,

if I more actively work for peace.

2020 will be more loving,

if I demonstrate love more freely.

Guide us by your Light,

that we may bring your Light to the world.

+Congregational Benediction 100 (refrain)

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

Postlude

Good King Wenceslas
Traditional Carol, arr. Otis