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First Sunday After Christmas

8:00 & 10:30 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black & red hymnals.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

by Smart

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

Leader: Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus.

People: We want him to be safe and sound. We want him to be sheltered.

Leader: When something unexpected happens, when we struggle to know where he can be found or we feel he is in trouble – we are frightened.

People: We wonder what we should have done differently and we reach desperately for more control.

Leader: On this first Sunday of the Christmas season let us remember that God is ever with us and that the Christ child is about his work, which sometimes exceeds our understanding and our comfort zones.

People: Let us place our trust in God's loving presence as we grow in our own faith. Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 383** (black hymnal)

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: O God, it's only a few days after the celebration of Christmas and already we are exhausted. People have come and gone, gatherings are winding down, and we are once again being reminded of the "normalcy" of our every day lives. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season, in the light of the Christ child at his birth. We forget that you are Emmanuel, God With Us, and that you are ever present throughout the whole of our lives. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter, and then seem to dwell in the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (FWS, see p. 4)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 41-52

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 516 (black hymnal)

O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (played by the "Holy Dingalings")

<i>Canon in D</i>	Palchelbel
<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>	Traditional

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Away in a Manger with O Come, Little Children* arr. Lopez

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 562 (black hymnal, v. 3) *Take My Gifts*

ALL SING: Take whatever I can offer-gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things
made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts
and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 120 (red hymnal) *Joy to the World*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Now in Peace* by Besig/Price

ALL SING: Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* by Handel

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

2030

The First Song of Isaiah

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will



trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and



he will be my Sav - ior.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

NOTES

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Both vases of altar flowers are presented in honor of our home-based members by their care disciples.

Thank you to the “Holy Dingalings” for participating in both services today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Mary Jane Snyder, Becky & Jerry Hester

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Liturgist: Jen Cooper

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Bonnie & Bill Murphy; Jeff & Nancy Sleeper

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Liturgist: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: George DeMers

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

¹The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were adapted from resources originally written by Nancy C. Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Prayers were posted on the *Ministry Matters* website at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3445/worship-connection-december-30-2018>. Shared with permission from the author, and accessed on December 18, 2018.

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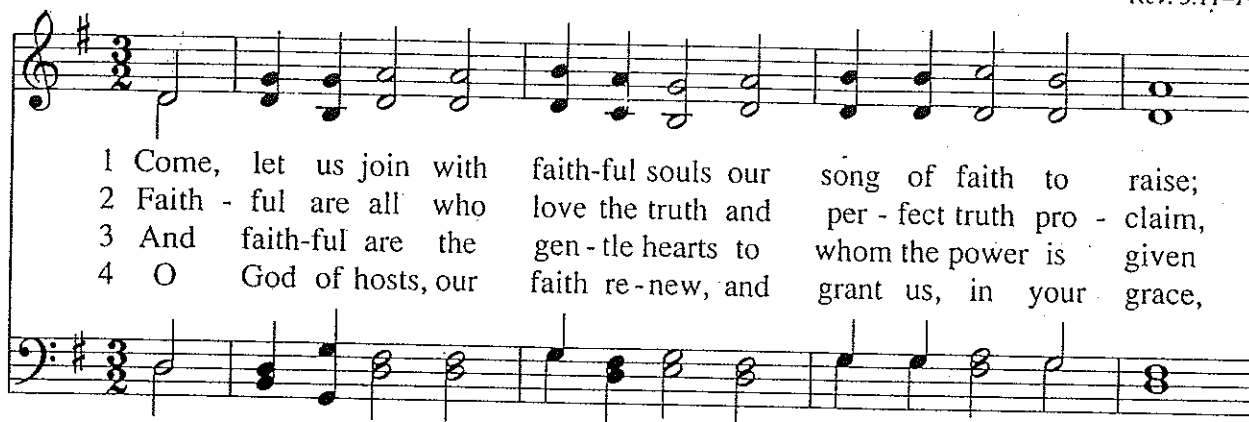
*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

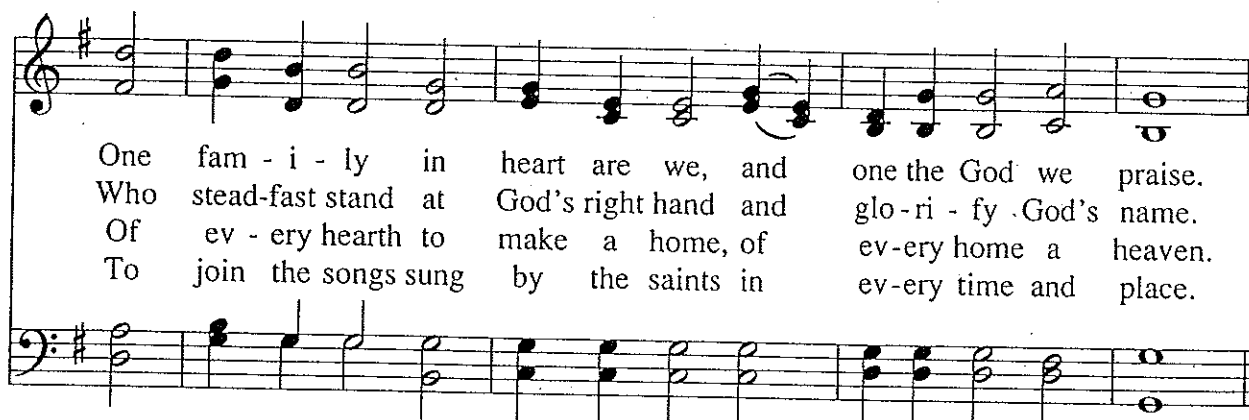
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William G. Tarrant, 1892; alt.

Rev. 5:11-14



1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given
4 O God of hosts, our faith re - new, and grant us, in your grace,



One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

A leader of the Unitarian Church in England, William Tarrant edited a Unitarian weekly and for thirty-seven years ministered to the Unitarian Christian Church in London. This hymn was one of many he wrote for use by that congregation.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

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John Ellerton, 1870; alt.



- 1 O grant us, God, a lit - tle space from dai - ly tasks set free.
- 2 A - round us rolls the cease-less tide of busi-ness, toil, and care,
- 3 Yet this is not the on - ly place your pres-ence may be found;
- 4 Yours are the work-place, home, and mart, the wealth of sea and land;
- 5 Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;



We meet with-in this ho - ly place and find se - cu - ri - ty.
And scarce-ly can we turn a - side for one brief hour of prayer.
On dai - ly work you shed your grace, and bless-ings all a - round.
The worlds of sci - ence and of art are fash-ioned by your hand.
And prayer, by you in - spired and taught, shall then with work be one.



John Ellerton's hymn, written for a noonday service in a city church, is one of the earliest to speak of science and art as part of God's creation. Thomas Este was a famous English printer and music publisher.

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD C.M.
Este's Whole Book of Psalmes, 1592

Our Lord Jesus Christ

From Psalm xcvi. ISAAC WATTS, 1719
With joy and dignity

C. M.

ANTIOCH
GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL, 1742

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: Let men their
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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 Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
 And won - ders of His love,

And
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sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love. A-MEN.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 won - ders of His love.