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10:30 AM

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY

*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 in the back of the church. 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 pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the red & black hymnals.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: A new year stands on our doorstep ready to enter our life's journey.  
Something in us welcomes this guest:

**People: the hope of abundant blessings, the joy of a new beginning, the freshness of unclaimed surprises.**

L: But something in us also fears this guest:

**P: the unnamed events of future days, the wisdom needed to walk in the ways of your love, and the prospect of giving away and growing in ways that are uncomfortable.**

L: A new year stands on our doorstep.

**P: With fragile caution we move to open the door for its entrance, our heart leaps with surprise, joy jumps in our eyes, for there beside this brand new year stands our God with outstretched hand!**

L: God smiles and gently asks of us:

**P: Can we walk this new year together?**

L: And so we, overwhelmed with goodness reply:

**P: Yes, God! Welcome in! Walk with us in this new year's journey.**

**OPENING HYMN NO. 417** (black hymnal, see p. 4) *This is the Day of New Beginnings*

### **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL: Holy God, Author of life and Source of all hope: hear our prayer. We know that the blank slate of a new year seems so promising—we haven't done anything too awful, not yet. And we know that the blank slate of a new year is also an illusion; Time continues, and our lives flow from one day to the next, from one year to the next. In this time, we know we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows, and we know we are sometimes full of despair and selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves. We invite you on our journeys, O God. We seek your presence with us in the darkness and the light, in our remarkable moments and our awful ones. We seek your presence, and bask in your love, through Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 154 (black hymnal, chorus, verse 1, chorus, see p. 5)

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

**ALL SING: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere. Go tell it on  
the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
**SCRIPTURE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 274** (black hymnal, see p. 6)

*Womb of Life, and Source of Being*

**JOYS AND 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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** (see p. 7)

*On This Day of Celebration*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

# This is a Day of New Beginnings

Les Garrett, 1967

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings,  
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,  
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,  
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

5



time to re - mem - ber and move on,  
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,  
step from the past and leave be - hind  
to show and share what love can do.

9



time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,  
can make for us a world of dif - ference,  
our dis - a - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,  
This is a day of new be - gin - nings

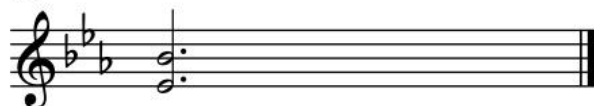
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lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
our God is mak - ing all things

2.

17



new.

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual


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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$




Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

5



Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je-sus Christ is born! 1. While  
2. The  
3. Down

9



shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -  
shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

13



- hold through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

# Womb of Life and Source of Being

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Womb of life, and source of be - ing, home of ev -  
 2. Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring  
 3. Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part -  
 4. Moth - er, Broth - ther, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir -

5

ery rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a -  
 us sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be -  
 ner, be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re -  
 it, On - ly Son: we would praise your name for -

9

- wak - ened; you have loved us from the start.  
 - side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.  
 - mind us whose we are, what we in - tend.  
 - ev - er, one - in - three, and three - in - one.

13

We, your chil - dren, gath - er 'round you, at the ta -  
 Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life,  
 La - bor with us, aid the birth - ing of the new  
 We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word

17

ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing stor - ies, tears and  
 and Death of Death, Ris - en Christ, come stand a -  
 world yet to be, Free of ser - vant, lord, and  
 of world made new, Ev - er sing - ing, ev - er

21

laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

# On This Day of Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1999

Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. On this day of cel - e - bra - tion, at this time when  
2. Long a - go, you sent our Sav - ior to this world in  
3. Through two thou - sand years of chang - es, through these pas - sing  
4. On this day, we pause and won - der what the fu - ture

4



hopes are new, God, we gath - er as your peo - ple,  
deep de - spair. In your Word made flesh you came, our  
cen - tur - ies, You have called your church to wit - ness  
years will bring, Yet we know you clothe each flow - er

7



called to put our trust in you. You have made the world we live in;  
life to know, our sins to bear. Christ has died and Christ is ris - en!  
to Christ's love that claims and frees. Each new gen - er - a - tion hears you,  
and you make each spar - row sing. How much more will you pro - tect us

11



you have worked through his - tor - y. In your plan we find our pur - pose,  
At this new year we pro - claim: Yes - ter - day, to - day, for - ev - er,  
each must find a fresh new way To make known the life you of - fer,  
with your guid - ing car - ing hand! By your Spir - it, lead us bold - ly

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in your love, and un - i - ty.  
Je - sus Christ is still the same!  
to the peo - ple in their day.  
in the fu - ture you have planned.

## **References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is based on a poem written by Joyce Rupp, “New Year’s Eve Poem,” which was posted at <https://oneresurrection.wordpress.com/2019/01/07/new-years-eve-poem/> and accessed on December 8, 2022.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel and published on her website, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/> and accessed on December 8, 2022.

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