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**Bethlehem Worship**

February 5, 2023



*Please stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In this world where the birds of the air are cared for,

we pray that our neighbors might also experience that care.

**We confess that caring for strangers is hard and caring for everyone is overwhelming.**

Lord, you have given enough that no one need go hungry,

**So we ask for the humility to take only what we need,**

**and the compassion to share what we have,**

Lord, you have made us in every shape and size and color and accent,

and so we ask for the grace to accept one another, and ourselves,

**Forgive us when we judge each other. Remind us again of your great love.**

Lord, you invite us pray, *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.*

**We confess that sometimes we want our way, and in trying to get it, we hurt others. Forgive us and invite us again to follow. Amen**

**Opening Hymn *In Christ Alone***

1 In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
here in the love of Christ I stand

3 There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine   
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Please be seated*

**Greeting andWelcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Word**

**Psalm 37:3-5**

**3** Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

**4** Take delight in the Lord,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**5** Commit your way to the Lord;  
**trust in him, and he will act.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**  ***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

and its righteousness

and all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone

but by ev’ry word

that proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, alleluia

**Gospel**

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| The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 7  **Glory to you, O Lord.**  [12](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-12.html)"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.  [13](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-13.html)"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it.  [14](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-14.html)For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.  [15](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-15.html)"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.  [16](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-16.html)You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?  [17](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-17.html)In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.  [18](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-18.html)A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.  [19](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-19.html)Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.  [20](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/matthew/7-20.html)Thus you will know them by their fruits.  The gospel of the Lord.  **Praise to you, O Christ.** | Una lectura según Mateo Capitulo 7  **Gloria a ti, O Señor.**  **12**Así que en todo traten ustedes a los demás tal y como quieren que ellos los traten a ustedes. De hecho, esto es la ley y los profetas.  **13**»Entren por la puerta estrecha. Porque es ancha la puerta y espacioso el camino que conduce a la destrucción, y muchos entran por ella. **14**Pero estrecha es la puerta y angosto el camino que conduce a la vida, y son pocos los que la encuentran. **15**»Cuídense de los falsos profetas. Vienen a ustedes disfrazados de ovejas, pero por dentro son lobos feroces. **16**Por sus frutos los conocerán. ¿Acaso se recogen uvas de los espinos, o higos de los cardos? **17**Del mismo modo, todo árbol bueno da fruto bueno, pero el árbol malo da fruto malo. **18**Un árbol bueno no puede dar fruto malo, y un árbol malo no puede dar fruto bueno. **19**Todo árbol que no da buen fruto se corta y se arroja al fuego. **20**Así que por sus frutos los conocerán.  El evangelio del Señor.  **¡Alabamos a ti O Cristo** |

**Children’s Message**

**Message** Chaplain Mike Murschel

**Hymn of the Day *Hold Us Together –* Matt Maher**

It don't have a job  
Don't pay your bills  
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps  
Ain't the law of the land or the government  
But it's all you need

***And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother’s keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone***

It's waiting for you  
Knockin' at your door!  
In the moment of truth  
When your heart hits the floor  
And you're on your knees ***Chorus***

This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
'Cause even in the dark

you can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright **(repeat)**

***Love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother’s keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone***

**Prayers of the People**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**Offering *Make Music for the Lord*  Bethlehem Voices**

**Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Preface***….**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!** **Hymnal 413**  
1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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| 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen. | Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre;  vénganos tu reino; hágase tu voluntad,  así en la tierra como en el cielo;  el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;  y perdónanos nuestras ofensas, así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en tentación; mas líbranos del mal.  Porque tuyo es el reino,  el poder y la gloria,  por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. |

***Lamb of God, Your Only Son* Hymnal 336**

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God  
  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

***Distribution of Communion*** *The body and blood of Christ given for you.*

**Scout Presentations**

Youth Faith Badges Liz Hadley

Presentation of the Lamb Award to Marti Jernberg

**Blessing**The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**.

**Sending Song** ***How Great Thou Art* Hymn 856**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

consider all the works thy hand hath made

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder

thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee***

***how great thou art! How great thou art***

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee***

***how great thou art! How great thou art!***

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation

and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” ***Refrain***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace, follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**