

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday January 3, 2021, Second Sunday of Christmas, Epiphany

Prelude'

*Silent Night*  
Dr. Lee Foster, Music Educator, Organist and Choir Director

*John Leavitt*

Welcome, Zoom Instructions

Rev. Dr. Michael Ford, Pastor

Centering Words

Responsive Call to Worship

Rev. Susan Maybeck, Assisting Minister

One:- Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**All: We are called out of darkness into light.**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**All: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

One: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

Opening Prayer

Rev. Susan Maybeck

Opening Hymn

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

**Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!**

**Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.**

**Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!**

**Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!**

**Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,  
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest."**

**Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!**

**Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!**

**In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,  
seated by the manger, watching the holy child.**

**Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!**

**Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!**

**From the eastern country came the kings afar,  
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.**

**Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!**

**Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!**

**Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;  
there was never a stable so like paradise.**

**Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!**

**Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!**

Dr. Lee Foster and Gabriel O'Shaughnessey

Ministry with the Children

Austin Pettigrew, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Michael Ford, Pastor

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

Hkadin Lee, Refugee Resource Coordinator

Thanksgiving Prayer for our Offerings –

Message –

*What Are You Looking For?*

Rev. Dr. Michael Ford, Pastor

Invitation to Communion

Hymn –

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**

Dr. Lee Foster and Ali Hotz

Communion -

Closing Hymn

*On This Day, Earth Shall Ring*

**On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us  
Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth,  
Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass be side him from the cold would hide him  
Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.  
Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.  
Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Dr. Lee Foster and Gabriel O'Shaughnessey

Responsive Benediction and Blessing

One: Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

**All: We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.**

One: Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

**All: As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of  
the child of the light.**

One: – May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light.

**All: Amen.**

Sung Blessing and Amen

*Go, Tell it On the Mountain (verse 1)*

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills 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 shown a holy light.**

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

Postlude

*From Heaven Above to Earth He Came*

Anton Wilhelm Leopold