



### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

**P: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

L: For you make us glad by your deeds, O Lord.

**P: We sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

L: As the angels sang on high to the shepherds,

**P: we join in the heavenly song.**

✠ **OPENING HYMN**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      113

**CHILDREN'S TIME      Lighting the Candle of Joy      Pastor Diane**  
Come Holy Spirit! In this third week of Advent, we ask You to fill our hearts with joy as we prepare for Jesus, who is coming soon! **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord, as we journey closer to Christmas, center our joyful anticipation on Jesus' coming. Yes, we love the gifts, decorations, gatherings, and treats. But nothing compares to the unending joy we find in knowing and loving Jesus. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord, as we joyfully look forward to Christmas, guard us against worry, stress, and unnecessary obligations. Give us clear eyes and hearts so that, without distractions, we might joyfully prepare for Jesus' birth. **Fill our hearts with faith, hope and joy! Amen.**

Sing: O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

**“Everlasting Light”**  
**By Claire Cloninger and Mark Hayes**  
**Orchestrated by Dave Maddux**

**Dedicated to Pat Nau.**

***There is always an open chair in the Soprano section for you.***

*Season of Light*

*Christmas Shines*

Kids Choir: AJ Barrios, Kady St. Germain, Keaton St. Germain

*Little Yeshua*

Soloist: Les Walter

*Pathway of Light*

Soloists: Diane Larson, Maureen Ramsay, Mary Ann McElhose

*People Need the Lord*

Soloist: Sue Stuempfig

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

*Light of a Million Mornings*

Soloist: Katie Sayre

*Shine Down*

Soloists: Bill Entwistle, Kurt Hargleroad, Linda Freeman

*Everlasting Light (please join the choir as directed)*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark street shineth the Everlasting Light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin, mother and Child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

**ORCHESTRA**

Jamie Reed, Director

Jan Brachel, Accompanist

Violin: Emmy Tisdell, Jose Leonardi

Flute: Ellen Entwistle

Viola: Katie Baird

Oboe: Pam Coggins

Cello: Robert Marshall

Trumpet: Alex Pesqueira

Percussion: Joel Dunst

French Horn: Mary Monaghan

Narration – Pastor Diane Christopher

Kids Music Leader – Sophia St. John

**✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**DISMISSAL**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we; Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

⌄ **POSTLUDE**

**THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT IS IN HONOR OF: Donald Younker**

⌄ **All those who are able, please stand.**

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