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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.
We are new creations; the old has gone; the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.
**Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: *(refrain)*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *(refrain)*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *(refrain)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: *(Refrain)*

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Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ANTIOCH, George Frederick Handel, 1742.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ, is Savior, King and Head of his Church
**Yet we have denied our need to be in submission to him.
We have denied our need to be in submission to one another.
Forgive us for declaring we have no need of the body of Christ
through our selfishness, pride, and apathy.**

Restore us to real community, O Lord.
**Teach us anew how to suffer and rejoice together.
Forgive our self-promotion and
help us to delight in one another.
Help us to show the glory of Christ through obedience
motivated by love for you and our brothers and sisters.**

Forgive us for trusting ourselves instead of You.
**Forgive us for disobedience,
which displays a delight in ourselves instead of a delight in you,
O Lord, the author and perfecter of our salvation.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christian, why do you need forgiveness and salvation?

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Christian, is The Law able to save you?

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Christian, where shall you turn for forgiveness and salvation?

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Who is this Jesus?

Christ Jesus, was promised by God beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. He was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

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SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:10; Acts 5:27-29, 40-42 Luke 9:23

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Follow Me”

Mr. Ernie Shipman

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

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 shone a holy light. *(refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *(refrain)*

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(refrain)*

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Follow Me