

Sunday Service for December 15th, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Prepare the Royal Highway” -W. Held

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE/CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Today is a day for Joy.

All: We light the candle and claim Jesus, who is the light of the world.

One: Jingle bells ringing in the distance are coming closer.

All: Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

• GATHERING HYMN #119 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

• PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

Gracious God of shepherds and sheep, of newborn babies and anxious adults, we pray you will meet us here today. On this Sunday when we lift up the gift of Joy, we are aware not everyone gathers with happy hearts. Some of us are missing loved ones, worrying about medical reports, concerned for ourselves and others. We all need to lean on your love. Help us know a kind of joy that carries us through. The divine joy which assures us no matter what the future holds, our life is in your hands.

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Ushers will collect prayer cards

CHILDREN’S TIME Joy Ornament

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• PRAISE RESPONSE #169 “O Thou Joyful” (*¡Oh Santísimo!*)

O thou Joyful, O thou wonderful grace revealing Christmastide!

Jesus came to win us from all sins within us;

Glorify the holy child!

O thou joyful, O thou wonderful love revealing Christmastide!

Loud hosannas singing and all praises bringing: may Thy love with us abide!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading	Psalm 146:5-10 (page 581)
	Isaiah 35:1-10 (page 663)
Second Reading	James 5:7-10 (page 231)
	Matthew 11:2-11 (page 11)

YOUTH CHOIR

“Hosanna, Hosanna” -N. Sleeth

“Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn” -arr. M. Pooler

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2019 “The Christmas Gift of Faith”

(See insert for more information)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Away in a Manger” -arr. D. Wagner

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE #162 “What Child Is This” *(Verse 3 & Refrain)*

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich, and poor, to own him,
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

• PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(In unison)*

**God you have come to us today in a child. That is what this season is about. Giving
thanks for a child who was born and brought us your message of love and peace. We
thank you that through our offering we may share a little of the joy you have shown us
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

• HYMN “Awesome God” *(See insert)*

• BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “How Great Our Joy” -arr. G. Young

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.

Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

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THANK YOU

Deepest appreciate to the children of our Sunday School, their families and the Board of Christian Education for all the planning, practice and effort it took to make today’s program possible. It is do delightful to see our children growing in faith and sharing the good news of Jesus’ birth!

Awesome God

RICH MULLINS

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Em C G/B' G D/F#

Our God is an awe-some God; He reigns from

Em Em/D C G/B G

heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, pow'r, and love. Our

Am Em/B B7 1,2 Em 3 Em

God is an awe - some God! Our God! Our

Am Em/B B7 Em Am Em/B B7

God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some

Em Am Em/B B7 Em

God! Our God is an awe - some God!