

First  
Sunday after  
Christmas



**PRELUDE**

Good Christians Friends, Rejoice

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**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#182 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

**\*INVOCATION AND 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (ministrymatters.com)

We come to you this day, gracious Lord,  
exhausted from all the activities of the season.  
It seems that we spend so much energy, time,  
and resources in preparation, and then when it is over,  
we collapse. We wonder what happened  
to all the enthusiasm we had.  
Lord, forgive us for placing our energies  
in getting and gathering. Give us peace and strength  
to renew our commitment to you.  
Remind us again to look around at the many ways  
in which we can serve you by serving others.  
Help us move forward in our compassion and not  
collapse in our witness.  
Heal us, merciful Lord, for we ask this in Jesus' Name.  
Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

**OFFERING OF WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

Mary, Did You Know? M. Lowry, arr. Sato & Atwood  
Rochelle Sato & John Atwood

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING**

Psalms 148 Page 645-46, first half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**LITANY** (Joan Stott, *The Timeless Psalms*)

One: We gather to praise you O God,  
for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand:  
the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather:  
**Many: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

One: We gather to praise you, O God,  
for all the things that we cannot see or understand:  
all heaven's angels, outer space; and the skies above us;  
**Many: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

One: We gather to praise you O God,  
for all the things in life that we experience:  
the created world, people of all ages and circumstances,  
all God's creations.

**All: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God:  
whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy.  
Amen.**

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE**

#200 While by the Sheep

JÜNGST

(at end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

SUSSEX CAROL

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 2:8-20

Page 59-60, second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON** "Amazed, Treasured, Pondered" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Do You Hear What I Hear? N. Ragney, arr. Sato & Atwood

**\*Doxology**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
come peasant, king, 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 Gratitude**

**\*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#179 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Three Settings on Joy to the World

R. Haan

**\*Please stand, as you are able.**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship  
Leadership – Rev. Ken Bellous, Warren Tasker; Readers – Gwen  
Borowski, Gordon Dinwoodie; Greeters/Ushers – Linda Logan,  
Hazel Galliford; Sound Tech. – Gordon Adnams