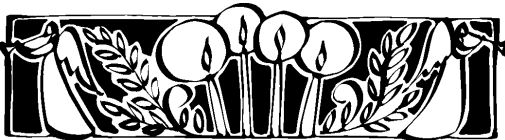


January 1, 2023 11:00 a.m.

First  
Sunday after  
Christmas



**PRELUDE**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

A. Vivian

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#173 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**\*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**

God our Creator, your faithfulness is great.  
The seasons of the earth praise you in their turn.  
The sun, the moon, and the stars shout,  
"God is great!"  
But we fail you:  
We turn away from your presence.  
We change with the prevailing wind.  
Our compassion for others is fleeting.  
Faithful God, forgive us and give us your peace;  
bless us with new mercies morning by morning  
that we may share your steadfast love...  
(Silence for personal reflection 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.

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13. Pages 683-684, 1st half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**

Revelation 21:1-6 Page 282, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeremy Keay

**\*HYMN OF APPROACH**

#191 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

**GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of God the Father

**Almighty**

from there he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

**WORDS OF SHARING**

One: In an upper room, with his friends,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it.  
He gave it to his friends, and asked them to remember him.  
He picked up a cup of wine,  
he poured it out and shared it.  
Again, he gave thanks and asked his friends to remember him.  
"Do this in remembrance of me."

**Many: We now remember Jesus**  
-- his life of love and forgiveness  
-- how he gathered little children and blessed them  
-- how he cared for the sick and healed them  
-- how he invited people like us to be his followers  
-- how he promised to come alongside us  
in sadness and gladness,  
and be with us always.

One: We gather today, around this table and many tables.  
Some of us separated by distance but united  
by the Spirit of God.

**All: As we eat the bread and drink the cup,  
may the risen Christ fill our bodies  
so we might be the hands, feet and voice  
of Jesus to a world that needs to be  
healed and loved.**

**The Bread**

**The Cup**

*All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate*

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Sussex Carol

T. Shaw

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**\*Offertory Response**

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!

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#185 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**\*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**

*The service of the church into the world -- begins again this week*

**\*POSTLUDE**

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

\*Please stand, as you are able  
We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Worship Leading: Rev. Amanda Strain  
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams