



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
January 2, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Yeatts

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: Loving God, in the height of this day we pause to rest in you.

Quiet our minds that they may be still, fill our hearts that we may abide  
in love and trust. Christ, as a light illumine and guide us.

Christ, as a shield overshadow us. Christ under us;

Christ over us; Christ beside us on our left and our right.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

**All: Glory to God and Christ and the Spirit for ever and ever.**

HYMN

“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

UMH No. 244

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Rev. Chris Lane

“Where Children Belong”

(all sing)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.***

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Jennifer Yeatts

One: Holy God, open our hearts to the silent presence of the Spirit. Lead us into  
that mysterious silence, where your love is revealed to all who call, ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’

**All: Come, Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus, Come.**

*(Silent prayer)*

One: Your love, Holy God, is a gift beyond words. We gather our voices  
in gratefulness as we pray together...

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 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, forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“The Work of Christmas”

by Dan Forrest

*featuring Amanda Kruk, soprano*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Precious in God’s Sight”

Rev. Jane Lippert

REMEMBERING OUR OUTREACH NEIGHBORS 2021

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

One: God calls us, all sinners and saints, beloveds of God.

**ALL: We are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,  
To feast on the dreams of God,  
To be nourished by but a taste of what God desires to do among us.**

*(Pastor continues...)*

And so we pray –

**ALL: Come Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Renewer of life,  
Settle on these gifts and all who gather here and in homes, that we might be  
transformed in our remembrance of your radical love,  
Your eternal embrace, and your grace that makes all things new.  
For the sake of our shared lives, the life of this land on which we live,  
And the lives of those yet to come,  
Nourish us and renew our hope, that Christ’s ways may be seen rising among us.  
Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Chris Lane

DOXOLOGY

No. 94

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Chris Lane

HYMN

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH No. 707

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jane Lippert

POSTLUDE

*featuring Tom Bara, organ*

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan; Rev. Jane Lippert, guest preacher  
Jennifer Yeatts, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist;  
Amanda Kruk, guest vocalist

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard & John Sonnemann  
Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator  
Silvio Ciccone, production director

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