

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Glenn Zuber

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: “Fantasia” by Vaughn Williams

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please **clearly** sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.

INTROIT: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) (Please stand)

(L) Hope has come -

(P) awakening us to new possibilities.

(L) Peace has come -

(P) inviting us to be agents of reconciliation.

(L) Joy has come -

(P) turning our hearts from fear to wonder.

(L) Love has come -

(P) transforming our lives, transforming our world.

(L) We have come -

(P) amazed and humbled by God's grace, to worship the newborn king!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (If children are present)

HYMN: #49 (Please stand) “Once in Royal David's City” (Please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, you are the Light of the World. Yet, too often, we shroud your light with our indifference. There is much we must confess: When we turn a blind eye to suffering, forgive us. When we are silent in the face of injustice, forgive us. When we choose comfort over compassion, forgive us. When we neglect to offer grace and love, forgive us. Gracious God, you entered into our broken world and made a home among the desperate and despairing. Give us eyes to see you in the faces of those whose vulnerability frightens us. Give us the will to care for our neighbors in need. Illumine the shadows of our lives with your light – which the most persistent darkness cannot overcome – and open our hearts to receive your grace.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #28 verse 1 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

CONCERNS and JOYS

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (Please stand and greet your neighbors)

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (Please be seated)

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 63:7-9 (Pew Bible page 693)

The people were saved not by an angel, but the Lord's presence.

ANTHEM: “Coventry Carol”

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 2:13-23 (Pew Bible page 2)

Joseph and Mary flee to Egypt to escape persecution from Herod.

SERMON: “Resting in God's Presence”

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HYMN: #308 (Please stand) “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - “Adapted from the Confession of 1967”

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized. Amen.

(You may be seated)

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF DEDICATION: (Please stand) “Doxology”

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen. (Please remain standing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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You may be seated and remain seated for the remainder of the service.

THE SENDING

HYMN: #302 “I Danced in the Morning”

CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

CLOSING SONG

POSTLUDE: “Jesu, Lead My Footsteps Ever” from Bach's Christmas Oratorio

