

Trinity United Church of Christ



Nativity of the Lord  
Proper I  
December 24, 2022

\*Indicates when people are invited to stand

**We Gather**

Prelude: Instrumental Music Played by David Holland

Welcome

\* Call to Worship: Robert Miller  
Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;  
**People: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.**  
Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
**People: tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
**People: he is to be revered above all gods.**

\*Processional Hymn: *Joy to The World*

\*Opening Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth, that we, who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

\*Gloria in Excelsis (in unison)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**Receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit,**

**In the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

Lighting the Christ Candle: Leslie and Youth

One: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

**People: A light that no darkness can extinguish!**

\*Choral Response O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
(Verses 1 and 5)

A Time for Christmas Discovery

Hymn: Away in a Manger

**Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, open our minds and hearts  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may hear and rejoice  
in the gospel of our Savior's birth,  
told in the story and song this night.

**Amen.**

## We Listen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 – Gavin Larson  
Psalm 96 – Lexi Larson  
Titus 2:11-14 – Lane Saunders

\*Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful

\*Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Jessica

Sermon: *Make Room* Pastor Jessica

## We Respond

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (NCH 144)

Call for Tithes and Offerings

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Carol: What Child is This

\*Eucharistic Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader:

As the angels sang glory to you in the highest

And peace to your people on earth,

So with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader:

And so

In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

As a holy and living sacrifice,

In union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will Come again.**

Leader:

And now we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

\*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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Leader: Come, for all things have been made ready.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We give you thanks, most gracious God,  
For allowing us to share in this feast as your family  
And to be fed with the bread of heaven;  
Give us grace that we may all grow in love,  
Glorifying you in all things,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### We Depart

\*Closing Hymn:      Silent Night

Carrying the Light into the World

\*Benediction

One: Go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord.

**All: We are sent in the name of the Christ Child.**

One: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**GO** in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord, for we are sent in the name of the Christ Child. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Instrumental Music Played by David Holland

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