



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Prelude to Worship

Calvin McBride, guitar

Invitation to Worship

Nancy Corbin

one: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

all: It sings of a home for all. It speaks of justice and peace.

one: We could choose to ignore it.

all: We could drown out that song. We could choose not to listen.

one: Instead, we come into this space.

all: We let the world grow quiet. We listen.

one: A voice calls out in the wilderness. Do you hear it?

all: We hear it. In listening, we worship and draw near to God.

Opening Hymn

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Chalice Hymnal #138

Invocation

Nancy Corbin

Prayer Response

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem"

Judy Nickum

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman,
based on Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 (*told in the Children Worship & Wonder room*)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Boedeker Family

Joy is seeing people you love after months apart.
Joy is hearing, "Come on over, it has been too long!"
Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.
Joy is making it home when the journey is long.
Joy is your dog sliding to meet you at the door.
Joy is the energy of a new season.
Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.

(lighting of the pink candle of joy)

So today we light the candle of joy,
because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.
Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you.
Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.

Song of Response "When God Is a Child" Chalice Hymnal #132; v 3

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Common English Bible) Tracie Glasscock

Scripture Luke 3:1-18 (Common English Bible) Tracie Glasscock

Sermon "A Home for All" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Music "My House" by Kacey Lee Musgraves, Shane L. McAnally, and Josh Osborne Emily Boedeker

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" arr. Dan Galbraith

Invitation to Stewardship Tracie Glasscock

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Doxology "What Child Is This Doxology" tune & refrain: Chalice Hymnal #162

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Jim Nailon Calvin McBride, guitar

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Closing Hymn "John Proclaimed It: 'Change Your Lives!'"

Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude "My House" (reprise) Musgraves, McAnally, Osborne Emily Boedeker

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