

December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** Do You Hear What I Hear

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN:** Like a Child

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**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** Hark the Harold Angels Sing

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**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, but how shall we know him when he comes?

P: How shall we greet and respond to the Promised One?

L: Will Jesus come to us as a prince or a pauper?

P: Will we see him in those of greatest need?

L: God, make us truly ready to receive the gift of Jesus, your beloved Son

P: Open our hearts to the good news Jesus brings to us.

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Luke 2:41-52

**\*HYMN:** The First Noel

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**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

**GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**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.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN:** Go Tell It on the Mountain

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Angels We Have Heard on High

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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