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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
 O LORD my God, you are very great!
 You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

Let us worship our very great God together!

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee
Dayspring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Elder Prayer

Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless he lay the Invincible
Maker of Mary now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds sages before him fall
Grace and majesty what humility
Come on bended knee adore him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the light overwhelms the dark
Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way he will have the praise
Tell the world his name is Jesus

Gloria Gloria
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Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Our best deeds are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in your healing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down, your righteousness exalts us to your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in you plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear your assuring voice; that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you were made to be sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your cleansing blood. Keep us always clinging to your cross, flood us every moment with amazing grace. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:8

Minister: But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega
He the Source the Ending he
Of the things that are that have been
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

O ye heights of heaven adore him
Angel hosts his praises sing
Pow'rs dominions bow before him
And extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore

Christ to thee with God the Father
And O Holy Ghost to thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be
Honor glory and dominion
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore
Amen

(11:00) Reception of New Members

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

No Night There

Worship Choir

God is with us
God is for us
Do not be afraid

There shall be no night there
No crying there
God shall wipe away every tear
From their eyes

There shall be no night there
No crying there
God shall wipe away every tear
From their eyes

Even in the valley of the shadow of death
God is with us
I will fear no evil
God is for us

continued

Lo I am with you always even to the end
God is for us
I am with you to the end

There shall be no night there
No crying there
God shall wipe away every tear
From their eyes

No night there
God is with us
There shall be no crying there
God is for us

God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes
Do not be afraid
I am with you
I am for you

Do not be afraid
God is with us
God is for us
No night there

The Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

"The Waiting Is the Hardest Part"

Ruth 3

Rev. Richard Harris

The Service of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the Light of Life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hellbound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord he is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
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Benediction

Postlude

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