

Blue Christmas Service

November 29, 2015
3:00pm

Call to Worship

Leader: We look for light but find darkness,; for brightness, but walk in gloom. We grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight.

People: **You are the light of the world; be light in our darkness, O Christ.**

Leader: If I say, “Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you, the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

People: **You are the light of the world; be light in our darkness, O Christ.**

Leader: Blessed be your name, O God, forever. You reveal deep and mysterious things; you are light and in you is no darkness. Our darkness is passing away and already the true light is shining.

People: **You are the light of the world; be light in our darkness, O Christ.**

Leader: Let us pray:

People: **God of mercy, hear our prayer in this Advent season for ourselves and for our families who live with painful thoughts and memories. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow, and peace for the past. We ask these things in the name of your Christ, who shared our life in joy and sorrow, death and new birth, despair and promise. Amen.**

Carol – (#211) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Scripture readings/candle lightings

Reading #1: Luke 2:1-7

Reading #2: Psalm 22:1-2

Reading #3: Luke 6:17-23

Reading #4: Matthew 8:14-17

Reading #5: Matthew 11:28-29

Carol- (#196) “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Reflection

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.....

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.....

And so, in remembrance of these your might 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:

The Great Thanksgiving Continued...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Carol- (#206) *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

Benediction

If you would like to spend more time in prayer, a prayer room is available across the hall. Stephen Ministers will also be available if you would like someone to pray with you.

Leading in the service today:

Rev. Dave Baldrige
Rev. Cathy Hart
Marilyn King, Congregational Care Coordinator
Ken Martin, Song Leader
Marian Andrews, Pianist

All are invited to join us for worship services on Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Service- "StarWalk- The Savior Awakens"

7:00 p.m. Candlelight

11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion



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