

1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Prelude** · Toni DiCapua

Triptych No. 4 - Joy... Joel Raney

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Praise the One who spoke and made everything!

**People: Let the rivers ripple with joy;
let the mountains stomp their feet.**

Leader: Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!

**People: Let old folks tell familiar stories;
let little children swim with dolphins.**

Leader: Praise God!

**People: We will sing of God's glory;
we will shout our joy to the heavens.**

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · Joy to the World!

No. 40

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Abba/Father: we know that given the chance, we rarely praise others. We are guided more by meanness than by your gentleness. We are seldom wise enough to listen to your voice, preferring instead the sweet, sweet songs of sin. Forgive us, gracious God. Touch those inner places of hope and joy that they might become the gifts we can offer to those around us as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God, give us the grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do; and then amend our lives until we become the people you intended. Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Gigi MacLeod

Numbers 6:22-27 (pg. 215)

 **Duet** · Dolores McLeod and Richard Jackson

Mary Had a Baby... Traditional Spiritual


Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-7 (pg. 1813)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Jeff Kunkel

"Sons and Daughters of the Living God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*  **Hymn of Response** · Away in a Manger

No. 25

Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

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♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

Jesus, Light of the World... arr. Larry Shackley

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

* ♪ **Closing Hymn** · Angels We Have Heard on High
No. 23

* **Benediction**

* ♪ **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

♪ **Postlude** · Toni DiCapua

Joy... Michael Burkhardt

