

9:30 worship

We Gather to Worship the Newborn King

Prelude: *He Is Born!*

John Carter

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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***We Receive God's Greeting**

***Carol:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Red Hymnal 76

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

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

Red Hymnal 82

Children's Blessing

Carol: *Welcome, Welcome Jesus*

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Welcome, welcome Jesus, we're so glad you're here.
Welcome, welcome Jesus, our hearts are filled with cheer.
Friends and family greet you from both far and near.
Welcome, welcome Jesus, we're so glad you're here.

Thank you, thank you, Jesus, creation sings your praise
Thank you, thank you, Jesus, your love fills our days
Zebras, cats, and monkeys, rivers, streams and glades
Thank you, thank you, Jesus, creation sings your praise

Glory, glory, Jesus, sun moon stars they shine
Glory, glory, Jesus, for gifts great and fine
Heaven and earth, proclaim you, prince of peace divine
Glory, glory, Jesus, sun moon stars they shine

Hallelujah, Jesus, we look up and sing
Hallelujah, Jesus, we lift you up as king
Holy, holy Savior, the Father's love you bring
Hallelujah, Jesus, we look up and sing

Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Red Hymnal 80

Prayers of the People

We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:

Community Assistance Program (CAP) in Detroit

*Please stand if you are able.

Offertory Solo: *Welcome to Our World*

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Tears are falling, hearts are breaking;
how we need to hear from God.
You've been promised, we've been waiting,
welcome, holy Child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger,
how I wish we would have known.
But long-awaited holy Stranger,
make yourself at home.

Bring your peace into our violence,
bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking heaven's silence,
welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us,
tender brow prepared for thorn,
tiny heart whose blood will save us,
unto us in born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you,
breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy,
perfect Son of God.
Welcome to our world.

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Message: "Welcome, Welcome, Jesus"

***We Pass the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us share this sign of peace with one another.

***Carol: Once in Royal David's City**

Red Hymnal 87

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Institution and Invitation

Communion

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

Communion Songs:

(We sing the first verse of each song, then the 2nd, then the 3rd, as projected.)

What Child Is This

Red Hymnal 95

What Feast of Love

Red Hymnal 96

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go Out With Good News of Great Joy

***We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

***Doxology:** *Joy to the World*

Red Hymnal 92

***Postlude:** *Joy to the World*

Alfred Fedak

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