

Order of Worship - 9:30 A.M. December 27, 2009

WE GATHER TOGETHER

MUSIC TO GATHER AND CENTER ON GOD

Praise Band

Terry Raymond, Keyboard; Ben Oakes, Bass; Bruce Bartley, Drums; Billy Jines, Guitar

Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect.

*OPENING CAROLS AND SONGS

“Joy to the World” - vv. 1 & 2

No. 246

“How Majestic”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

**O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name,
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.**

“Hear Our Praises”

**May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy;
May injustice bow to Jesus, as the people turn to pray.**

**From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.**

**May a light shine in the darkness as we bow before the cross;
May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o’er the seas.** (repeat chorus)

*PRAYER OF GATHERING

Lay Leader Terri Pennington, Liturgist

GIFTS OF & FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

Joelle Lynch

Children are invited to the chancel for this time. Following it, children through 5th grade may leave with Nancy Reid for Kid’s Club.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Music for Going Deeper “Breathe”

**This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe,
Your Holy presence living in me.**

**This is my daily bread; this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.**

And I, I’m desperate for You.

And I, I’m lost without You.

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4

p. 208 NT

Music Reprise

“Breathe”

Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

p. 89 NT

Music Reprise

“Breathe”

MESSAGE

“Divine Vulnerability Speaks Powerfully”

Pastor

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

“The Wexford Carol”

Melissa Counts, vocal; Karen Renner, Violin; Terry Raymond, Bruce Bartley, Ben Oakes

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

BRINGING OUR LIVES BEFORE GOD

Sharing Congregational Celebrations and Concerns

Pastor

Prayer Chorus

“Spirit Song”

No. 347

Prayer cards collected. You may come to the altar for prayer.

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

Pastor

The Lord’s Prayer

Unison

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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Announcements

The Invitation

The Offertory (*Offering collected and presented*) Terry Raymond & Ben Oaks

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” - vv. 1 & 3

No. 251

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Praise Band

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of the New Year

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 & Psalm 8 Sermon: “Enjoying the Gift of Time”

Return to regular worship schedule: 8:30 Contemporary; 10:30 Traditional

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We welcome all to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Sts. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

Nametags help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

Have you remembered Central in your will? Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

2009 CHURCH GOALS: Radical Hospitality Passionate Worship Extravagant Generosity
Intentional Faith-Development Risk-Taking Mission and Service

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“Divine Vulnerability Speaks Powerfully”

Sunday after Christmas