



Faith

Community Church

December 27, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

This is our God, our Shepherd, we are the flock led with care.

*OPENING SONGS - "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth.
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

"Love Come Down"

I once was blind, I could not see;
Chains of sin had shackled me.
But God in heaven heard my plea:
Jesus, Jesus rescued me,
Jesus, Jesus rescued me.
I will sing forever of Your love come down,
With my hands to heaven,
Shout Your praises loud.
I was lost in darkness
When You pulled me out.
I will sing forever of Your love come down.

Now grace so sweet, it floods my soul,
And hope eternal won't let go.
My debt erased at Calvary,
Jesus, Jesus rescued me,
Jesus, Jesus rescued me.
I will sing forever of Your love come down.
With my hands to heaven,
Shout Your praises loud.
I was lost in darkness
When You pulled me out.
I will sing forever of Your love come down.

Well there's a home beyond the sky,
A song we'll sing for all of time.
The grave is empty, I am free.
Jesus, Jesus rescued me,
Jesus, Jesus rescued me.
I will sing forever of Your love come down.
With my hands to heaven,
Shout Your praises loud.
I was lost in darkness
When You pulled me out.
I will sing forever of Your love come down
(repeat chorus)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM OF PRAISE- Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***SONG OF PREPARATION- "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

SCRIPTURE- Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON – "Why A Baby?"

SONG OF RESPONSE- "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excellung,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "Your Love Is Amazing"**

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a mystery, how gently You lift me.
When I am surrounded Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.
(repeat)