



REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

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John 1:1-18
Second Sunday of Christmas

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister
* indicates for the congregation to stand as able

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.

Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.

⌘ Gathering ⌘

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus said,

C: "This is my Father's house."

P: So come into this space

C: just as you are.

P: Come into this space

C: speaking your truth.

P: Come into this space

C: with your authentic self.

P: This is God's home.

C: This is our home.

P: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ⌘ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray:

Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C: We could offer welcome, but we often choose judgment. We could choose action, but we often choose silence. We could choose advocacy, but we often choose comfort. We could choose truth, but we often choose ignorance. We could choose God, but we often choose ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, for the moments when we chose poorly. Open our hearts to choose you, to choose community, to choose love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Family of faith, no matter how we choose, we cannot lose God's love. It is undeserved, overwhelming, ever-present, and always with us. So may we accept God's grace, and use it as fuel for better days. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

C: No matter how many times we walk away, God always welcomes us home. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited. Thanks be to God, amen.

You are invited to stand.

*GATHERING SONG

WHAT CHILD IS THIS



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

P: Author God, Scripture tells us that when Jesus taught in the temple, all who heard were amazed. We want to be amazed too. We want to hear your word with new ears. We want to be unraveled and transformed by the truth tucked between those sentences. We want to be opened up by the hope in these holy pages. We want to be amazed. So as we read today, transport us to those early days in the temple. Open our hearts so we can hear your word like never before. We are listening. We are grateful.

C: Amen.

You are invited to sit.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷The Lord proclaims:

Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob;
shout for the leading nation.

Raise your voices with praise and call out:

“The Lord has saved his people,
the remaining few in Israel!”

⁸I’m going to bring them back from the north;
I will gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the disabled,
expectant mothers and those in labor;
a great throng will return here.

⁹With tears of joy they will come;
while they pray, I will bring them back.

I will lead them by quiet streams
and on smooth paths so they don’t stumble.

I will be Israel’s father,
Ephraim will be my oldest child.

¹⁰Listen to the Lord’s word, you nations,
and announce it to the distant islands:
The one who scattered Israel will gather them
and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock.

¹¹The Lord will rescue the people of Jacob
and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are.

¹²They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion,
jubilant over the Lord’s gifts:
grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds.

Their lives will be like a lush garden;
they will grieve no more.

¹³Then the young women will dance for joy;
the young and old men will join in.

I will turn their mourning into laughter
and their sadness into joy;
I will comfort them.

¹⁴I will lavish the priests with abundance
and shower my people with my gifts,
declares the Lord._(CEB)

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A: Let us praise and give thanks for the living Word.

C: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL**

John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

²The Word was with God in the beginning.

³Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.

What came into being

⁴ through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

⁶A man named John was sent from God. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. ⁸He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

⁹The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.

¹⁰The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through the light,
but the world didn't recognize the light.

¹¹The light came to his own people,
and his own people didn't welcome him.

¹²But those who did welcome him,
those who believed in his name,
he authorized to become God's children,

¹³ born not from blood
nor from human desire or passion,
but born from God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh
and made his home among us.

We have seen his glory,
glory like that of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;

¹⁷ as the Law was given through Moses,
so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God.

God the only Son,
who is at the Father's side,
has made God known._(CEB)

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You are invited to sit.

SERMON

PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

REJOICE CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.

✠ Meal ✠

CALL TO OFFERING

Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3>; 2) physical checks/cash can be placed in the plate as you enter our service this morning (please alert a greeter if you require assistance); 3) electronically by scanning the QR code at right to visit our donation page; and 4) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!



PRAYER OF OFFERING

C: Gracious God, your story is one that forever invites us to be our full selves, to take up space, to go where we feel called, and to allow this community to feel like home. So use these gifts to keep building your home here. With gratitude as tall as the ceiling, we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word...Amen.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.

If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠Sending ✠

BLESSING

P: As you leave this service, your service begins: Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary. Be brave enough to go home by another way. And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed — so come back soon. In the name of our Foundation — God, Spirit, and Son — go in peace.

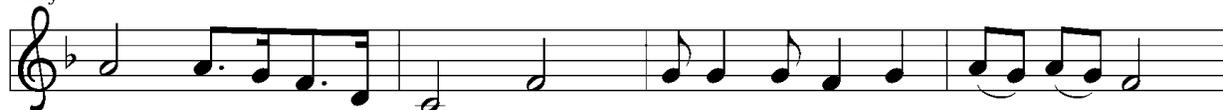
C: Amen.

You are invited to stand.

***SENDING HYMN**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

You are invited to sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Thank you to all who serve!

Date	Assisting Minister	Camera Person	Greeter	Altar Preparer	Usher
1/2/22	Alyce Cohen	Mike Fitzcharles	Joanne Hudgins	Jamee Dillon	Kelsey Dillon
1/9/22	Gale Krol	David Rinker	Debbie Jones	Gale Krol	Tim Cochran
1/16/22	Lisa Stokes	Brian Hudgins	Corinne Cuffia	Joanna Heldreth	Moe Moczulski

Thank you also to our musicians: Jan Brennan, Bob Hudgins, and Tyler Ridenour!

What's Happening This Week

Sun., January 2	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., January 3	
Tues., January 4	Worship Team Meeting
Wed., January 5	Choir Rehearsal – 7pm Youth Group – 7-8:30pm in the LHUMC Fellowship Hall
Thurs., January 6	Generosity Team Meeting
Fri., January 7	
Sat., January 8	Food Drive – 9:30-11am in the Quarterfield Road Parking Lot