Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
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SERVICE OF THE WORD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 29, 1996

TOWER BELLS WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
10:55 a.m.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY
"Joy to the World"
Virgil Fox

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.
The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 246
"Joy to the World"
ANTIOCH

*GREETING
Christ is born; Give him glory!

CHRIST HAS COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN; RECEIVE HIM!
CHRIST IS NOW ON EARTH; EXALT HIM!

O you earth, sing to the Lord!
O YOU NATIONS, PRAISE HIM IN JOY, FOR HE HAS BEEN GLORIFIED!

*OPENING PRAYER

O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*HYMN NO. 240
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
MENDELSSOHN

THE PSALTER NO. 859
Psalm 147

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71
"Glory Be to the Father"
GREATOREX

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE
HYMN NO. 227  "The Friendly Beasts"  ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

EPISODE LESSON  Galatians 4:4-7

*HYMN NO. 219  "What Child Is This"  GREENSLEEVES

*GOSPEL LESSON  Luke 2:22-40

HOMILY  Para Rodenhizer Drake

RESPONSE TO THE WORD  "The Nicene Creed"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"A Litany for the Church and for the World"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  AMEN.

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end.  AMEN.
GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Once in Royal Davids City" IRBY

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100th

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 237 "Sing We Now of Christmas" FRENCH CAROL

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" GO IN PEACE

*GOING FORTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "In Thee Is Gladness" J. S. Bach

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

*Congregation is invited to stand.

WELCOME: You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service. Visitors, please give us your address so that we may share additional information about Duke Memorial with you.

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