

PRELUDE Margaret Hubenthal

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

We Rejoice in God's Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The people who walked in darkness

P: have seen a great light.

L: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –

P: on them light has shined.

L: For a child has been born for us,

P: a son has been given to us;

L: he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: He is named Emmanuel: God with us.

THE CHURCH CONFESSES

Now is the time to awake from sleep. Salvation is near!

Let us therefore confess our sins to receive God's grace.

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God,

we confess our sins against you and one another,

We recognize that

we fail to love as you have loved

We fail to serve as you have served

We fail to forgive as you forgive us.

We pray that you will fill us with your light,

that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name.

In the name of Christ, who came to live among us, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Christ child was born to lead us out of darkness.

God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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We Receive God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION / SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

MESSAGE: Mine Eyes Have Seen My Salvation

Hymn: Margaret Hubenthal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn: Margaret Hubenthal

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