

Prelude #159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem
vss. 1-2

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Most generous God, You are with us here - to help us experience the fullness of your kingdom. **You are here to unlock everything that hinders your new life within us and around us.** Jesus, You are with us, to help us experience your peace and healing. **You are here to help us grow strong, body and soul.** Spirit of grace, You are here to help us experience renewed strength and freedom for living, and serving God's will. **It's so that we may share all that we've received with others; loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.**

***Hymn of Praise #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (Work, Pray, Give)*

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

God of our lives, you know us so well - and the anxieties we carry. You know our tendencies to avoid taking leaps of faith. Your greatest desire is to help us become our best as your followers. Help us now, O Lord, to receive your transforming grace so that we may live and grow in faith and service.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

In steadfast love, God takes away everything that obstructs our progress! **In Christ, we find the grace we need to follow Him.**

***Response of Praise #155** *Raise a Song of Gladness*

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

A new day has arisen! Christ, the light of the world has come; breathing peace and grace for us to receive! God is here to bestow the peace that comes from being in the center of God's will. **May the peace of Christ be with us day and night!** Let us bless one another with Christ's peace saying, The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music #157

I Danced in the Morning

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Scripture Readings & Reflections

***Hymn of Faith #712** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Distribution of the Estimate of Giving Cards

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

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Instructions

***Prayer of Consecration**

God of light, we thank you, with joy, and infinite reverence for all that you have kindled in our lives. We pray that you will receive the offering of ourselves, our giving, and our gifts; each like separate flames; combining to bring your light to all in need. Bless us now as we discern, “what percentage of income God is calling each of us to give, to God’s work through this congregation.” Bless us, that we may embody the life and ministry of your son, in ways that express our love for you. Consecrate our gifts and our very lives, that we may further Christ’s vision into the future. Amen.

Quiet Time for Prayer And Discernment

(When you have completed your Estimate of Giving Card, quietly place it in the basket, and go immediately to the Celebration Luncheon.)

Charge and Blessing

(Will be offered at the Celebration Luncheon.)

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Announcements

Thank you to Princeton Nwosu & Cheryl Anne Cammann for running the projector & camera!
Join our Worship Support Team! For more information, ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.

Altar Flowers

The special floral arrangement for today's worship service was donated by Ray Montanari in remembrance of the Orban family: John, Ruth, Jean, and Susan; as well as for all members who have celebrated their 50-year membership with our church.

Souper Bowl of Caring Coming in February

We will be holding the Souper Bowl food collection in February. You can begin bringing in items the 1st Sunday in February; the collection will continue through the month. More details to follow during our worship service's announcements.

Congregational & Corporation Meeting: Postponed

We will NOT be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, January 26. We will update you as soon as a date has been decided upon for the meeting.

There will be one gathering in January on Friday, the 10th, and one in February on Friday, the 28th.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Andrew J. Roesch & Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara O., Carole H., LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Eileen P., Alyne B., Helene & Diane, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.



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