

WORSHIP HANDOUT
December 26th
First Sunday after Christmas



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMNS

UMH 240 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
UMH 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God of Love,
There is light in our lives
because of the abundance of your steadfast love.
A love so vast, so deep, so real,
that you became one of us.
May we live within the power of this love.
And may we share its light with a world
where too many dwell in darkness.
Amen.**

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith.
<http://spaciousfaith.com/>

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever.
Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;

UMH 95

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Parent, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives.

HYMN UMH 221 In the Bleak Midwinter

LESSON CEB Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴ And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. ¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE (Max Lucado Reading) PA

HYMNS

UMH 217 Away in a Manger
UMH 219 What Child Is This
W&S 3052 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

POSTLUDE