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West Valley Presbyterian Church

worship as communal exchange . Trinity God renews us, and we respond

Theme: Christ is Lord over all of life – at church, at home and in the workplace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:2-3

(leader) In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

(All) "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

(song) O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold him Born the king of angels

Oh, come, let us adore him

Oh, come, let us adore him

Oh, come, let us adore him

Christ, the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above

Glory to God in the highest

Oh, come, let us adore him

Oh, come, let us adore him

Oh, come, let us adore him

Christ, the Lord

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory given
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing
Oh, come, let us adore him
Oh, come, let us adore him
Christ, the Lord*

prayer

(song) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

*1) God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

*2) In Bethlehem, in Israel
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

*3) From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

*4) Fear not then, said the Angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

5) *The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Son of God to find
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

6) *And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay
They found Him in a manger
Where oxen feed on hay
His Mother Mary kneeling down
Unto the Lord did pray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

7) *Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

(leader) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

prayer of confession

(all) Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming again.

Amen.

declaration: Zephaniah 3:14-15

(leader) Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

(song) Joy Has Dawned

*Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for every nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary*

*Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
And by His blood He'll win us*

*Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless*

*Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history*

greeting, children and announcements

prayer for the congregation and the world

CONSECRATED BY THE WORD

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Colossians 3:12-4:1

Title: Secure Enough to Live for Christ

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...” (v 17)

- 1. At Church (vs. 12-17)*
- 2. At Home (vs. 18-21)*
- 3. At Work (vs. 22-4:1)*

Notes: _____

*In which area(s) of life do you most struggle to acknowledge the authority of Jesus?
Why is it good news that Jesus is Lord over everything?*

(song) Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
fill us with the light of day*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
flowery meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee*

*Thou art giving and forgiving
ever blessing, ever blessed
Wellspring of the joy of living
ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our
Brother
all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
lift us to the joy divine*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward
victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us Sunward
in the triumph song of life*

COMMUNION IN SACRAMENT

prayer of Thanksgiving

(all) Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

(song and offering) Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as, the curse is found*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love*

*And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love*

COMPELLED TO GO OUT

benediction . Romans 15:12-13

(leader) Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen