

*** We invite you to stand as you are able**

INTROIT* “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271

STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite all to sign the pads in the pews to stay connected with the church.

A MOMENT OF STILLNESS & SILENCE (bell tolls)

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Shout to the Lord your praises!

All: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

One: For God’s might and power are established in the universe!

All: God’s transforming love beckons us.

One: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

All: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Eternal God, the dawn of a new year prompts us to reflect on our past and hope for our future.

Help us live our days seeking your way and moving on your path.

Help us commit to love and resolve to extend the grace and mercy we need from you and our neighbor.

Make us new in Jesus’ name, Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Joy to the World” vs. 1,3 & 4 Red Hymnal #246

FIRST READING Isaiah 63:7-9 (CEB)

I will recount the Lord’s faithful acts; I will sing the Lord’s praises, because of all the Lord did for us, for God’s great favor toward the house of Israel. God treated them compassionately and with deep affection. God said, “Truly, they are my people, children who won’t do what is wrong.” God became their savior. During all their distress, God also was distressed, so a messenger who served him saved them. In love and mercy God redeemed them, lifting and carrying them throughout earlier times.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him.” Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I have called my son out of Egypt.* When Herod knew the magi had fooled him, he grew very angry. He sent soldiers to kill all the children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding territory who were two years old and younger, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. This fulfilled the word spoken through Jeremiah the prophet: *A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much grieving. Rachel weeping for her children, and she did not want to be comforted, because they were no more.* After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. “Get up,” the angel said, “and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead.” Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus ruled over Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. He settled in a city called Nazareth so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

MESSAGE

“Get Up and Go”

Pastor Anne Kadue

HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Red Hymnal 229

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Black Hymnal pg. 14-20

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING & HYMN*

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Red Hymnal #251

OFFERATORY PRAYER

All: Generous Love, bless these offerings.

Stir up the gifts within for your glory,

show your provision through the sharing of our resources,

and empower us to steward our days as precious and holy. Amen.

DOXOLOGY*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION*

All: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

SENDING* (church bell tolls)

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a reconciling congregation.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
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