

"Overwhelming Joy"
Rev. Linda McDermott
Matthew 2:1-12

Sanctuary Service
11:00 am
January 5, 2019

Welcome

Rev. Linda McDermott, Associate Pastor

Prelude: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Paul Manz, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

One: On this day angels sing;

All: with their song earth shall ring,

One: praising Christ, heaven's King,

All: born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

One: Let us worship God of peace and love

All: Let us be God's people of peace and love in the world.

One: Let us spread the Good News!

All: Let us proclaim this message of Joy!

*Hymn 89: 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,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring 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.

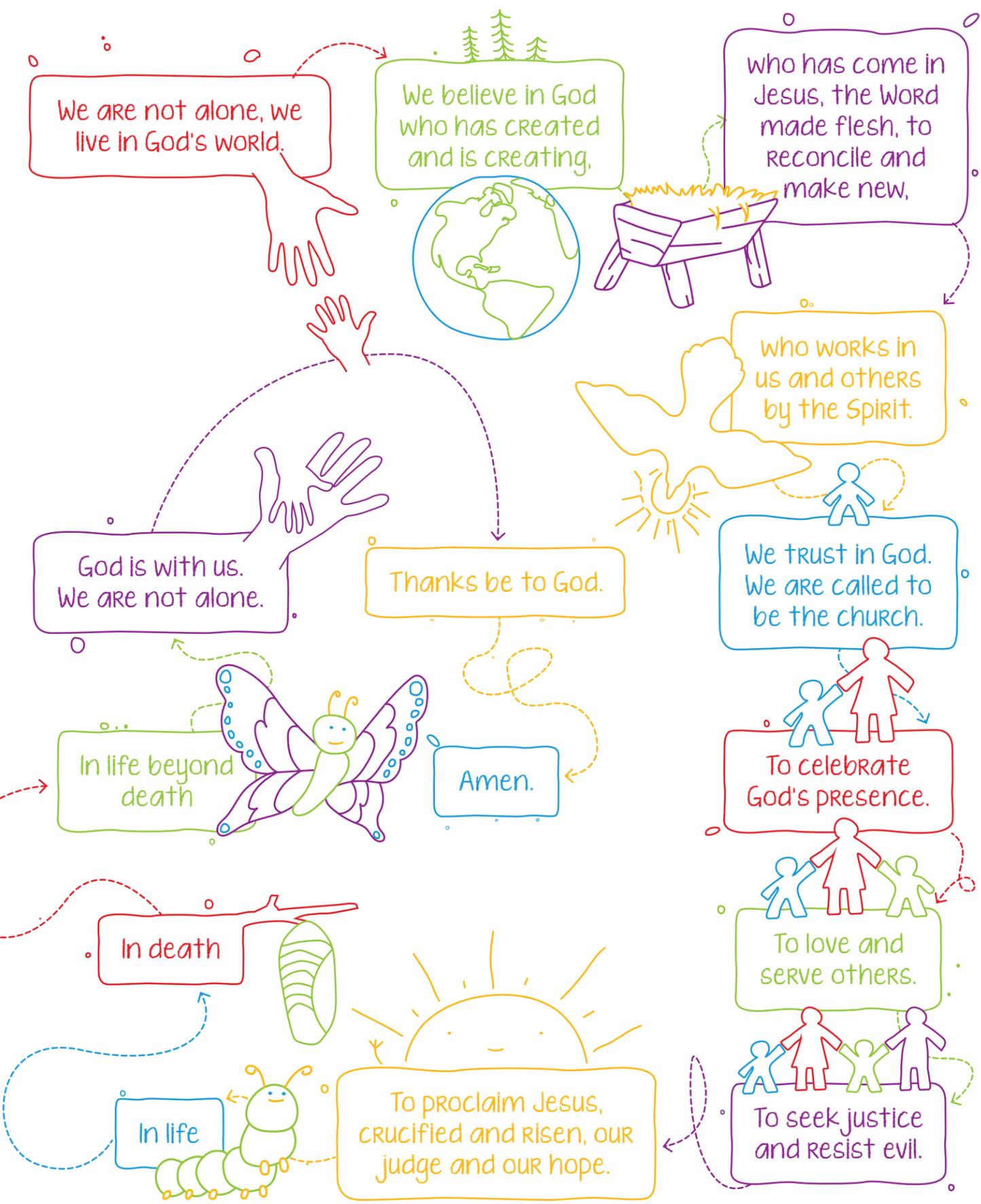
Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Word of the Day:
Joy

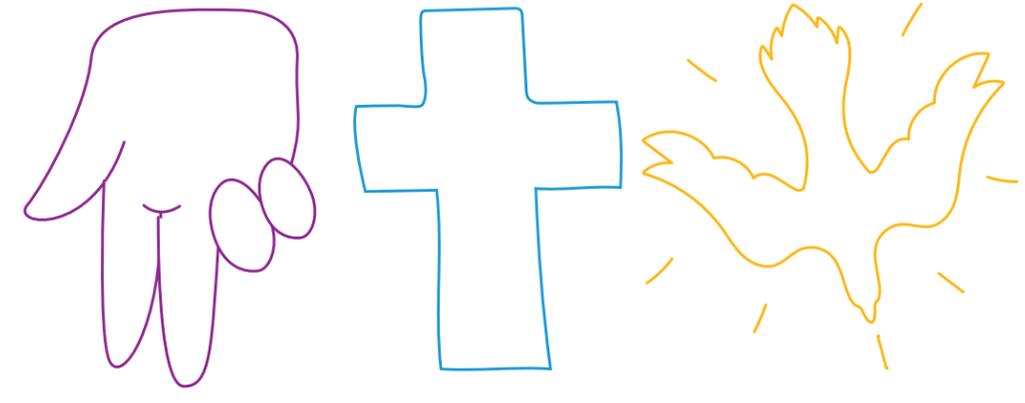
Memory Verse:
... they were
overwhelmed
with joy ..
— Matthew 2:10b

The composer of the melody to this hymn was Ludwig Van Beethoven. When we was a young man, he completely lost his ability to hear - even his own music. Yet he was still able to write one of the most cherished pieces in the history of music.

*Affirmation of Faith



*Gloria Patri
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

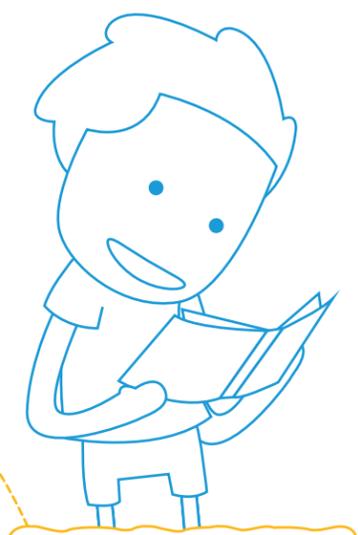


Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

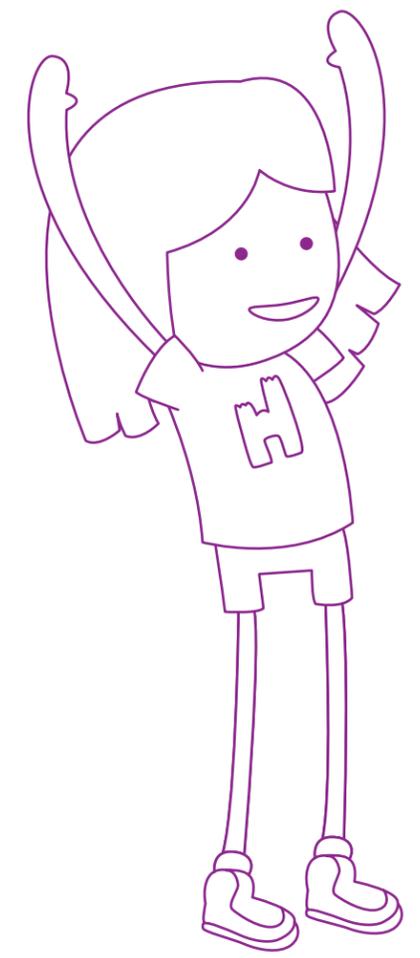
Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
 Thanks be to God.



Faith Like a Child
 Mister Mark

Announcements



Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible – the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self – a true servant of God.

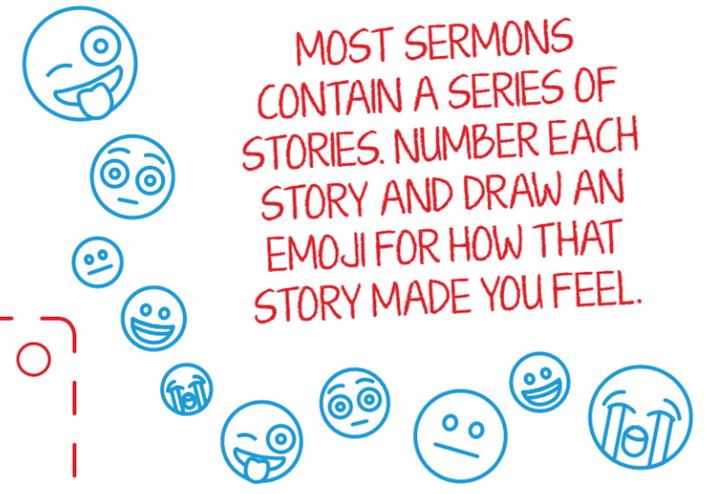
You can listen as the scripture is read, or... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



Overwhelming Joy

MOST SERMONS CONTAIN A SERIES OF STORIES. NUMBER EACH STORY AND DRAW AN EMOJI FOR HOW THAT STORY MADE YOU FEEL.



If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



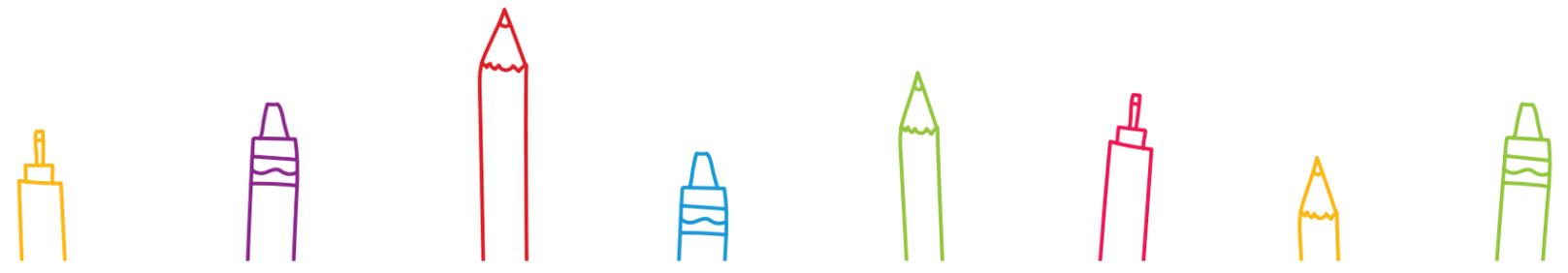
Did you just hear something you disagree with? Argue about it.



Listen. What is something you hear that gives you a sense of wonder? Of peace? Of hope?

Did the sermon remind you of a story from your life? Write about that story... or illustrate it.

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Service of Holy Communion

Hymnal pages 12-13

Follow along in your hymnal

Invitation

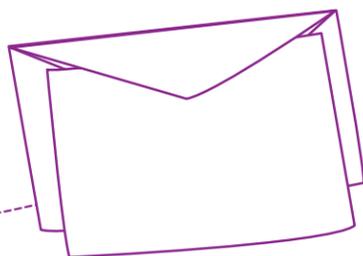
Confession and Pardon

Offertory: Run to the Manger

Victor Johnson, composer

Choral Union, Robert Stovall, director

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the **envelope**, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!



The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany

The 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, forever. Amen.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.



Serving the Bread and Cup

Hymn 254: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

Hymn 245: The First Noel

Follow along in your hymnal

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn: There's a Song in the Air

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world. Every hearth is a flame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng. Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

* Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do? **We will go out to be God's people in the world.** May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

* Congregational Benediction: 665: Go Now in Peace

Sung as a Round

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

* Postlude: We Three Kings

David Clark Isele, arranger

How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

