



Peace

*I heard the bells on Christmas day
their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
the words repeat
of **peace on earth**,
goodwill to men.*

This man shall be the peace.

Micah 5:5

Sunday Worship
West Barre Church
December 10, 2023

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: “We Have Come into This House” Bulletin Insert

Bringing in the Light (acolytes)

***Call To Worship**

Leader: And Mary said: The Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is His Name

People: His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation

Leader: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but he has lifted up the humble

People: He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.

***Unison Prayer:**

Lord we rejoice today that you have sent us your long awaited Son the Prince of Peace.

Let us seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14) Let us live in peace as much as it depends on us. (Romans 12:18)

**Let the work of righteous be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)
Amen.**

***Hymn “There’s A Song in the Air”**

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Choir Anthem

Faith Declaration:

This is my Bible. Every word in it is true. The truth shall set me free, and the truth will keep me free. I choose to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, and to faithfully respond to the call of Jesus Christ.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 30:15-18
Luke 2:1-7

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Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Children Dismissed to Their Classes

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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***Hymn “Away in the Manger”**

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The Apostles Creed

Morning Meditation “God is Quietly Working Things Out”

Receiving of the Morning Offering

Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn “‘Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

UMH #229

Sharing God’s Light with the World (acolytes)

Benediction: (from Chris Tomlin's song)

Light of the World you stepped out into darkness. You opened our eyes that we may see. Shine Your light upon us Jesus. Shine through us as the light of the world. Amen.

***Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

To access our website, type: westbarreumc.org

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

Pastor Jim is normally in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless he is visiting, has a meeting, or has other appointments. He is available on his cell phone if he is not here in the office. (716) 523-7542.



Assisting in Worship

	Today 12/10	Next Sunday 12/17
Preaching:	Rev. James Heiler	Rev. James Heiler
Greeters/Ushers:	Danny Shuler Cheryl Maxon & Vicky Housenecht	Lanor Markle
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Vicky Housenecht	Lanor Markle

Announcements:

Friday (15th): 6:30 pm Family Night supper &
Children's Christmas Pageant

Looking ahead:

Sunday (17th): 9 am Choir
December 18th: 6:30 pm Trustees

December Monthly Mission: Jesus' gift to the
Lipson Cancer Foundation – patient services
The Hope you want. The cancer care you need.



Financial Statement:

December 3, 2023		\$ 1,310.00
Giving to Date:		\$114,474.00
Included in giving:		
Jesus Gift	\$40.00	\$ 440.00

Birthdays this week:

- 10 ~ Wilma Richardson
- 15 ~ Johanna Dibley O'Campo



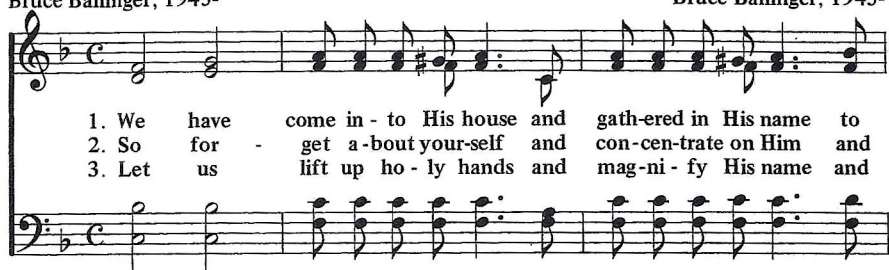
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We Have Come into His House

Bruce Ballinger, 1945-

(to Worship Him)

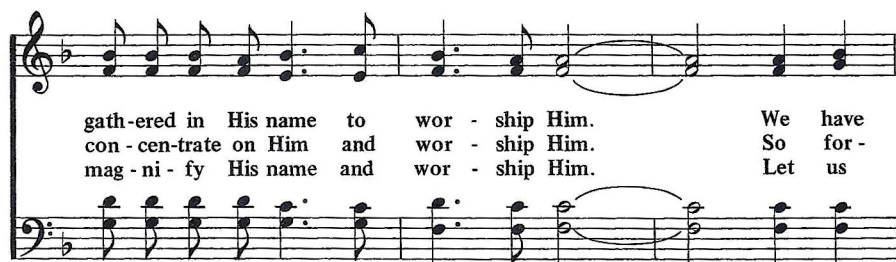
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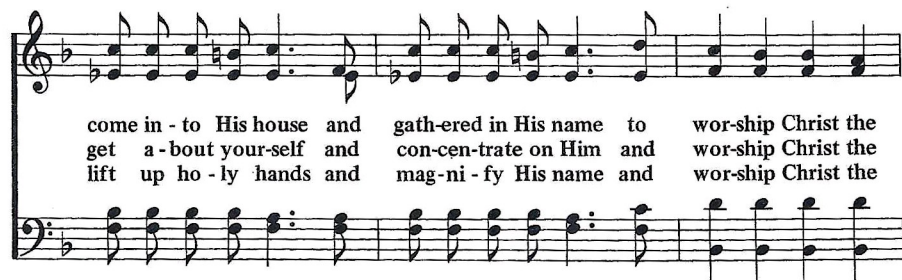
1. We have come in - to His house and gath-ered in His name to
 2. So for - get a - bout your-self and con-cen-trate on Him and
 3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag-ni - fy His name and



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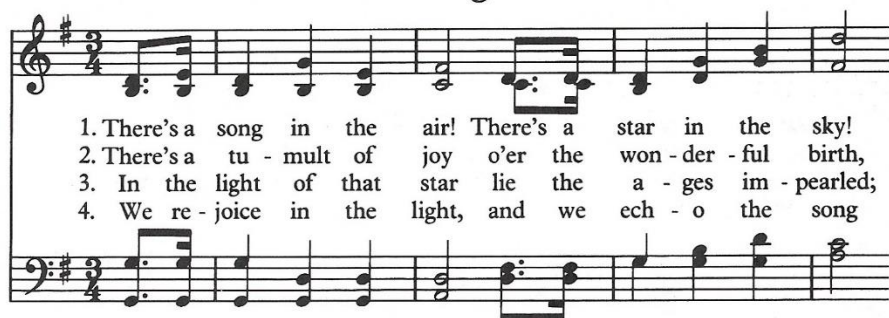


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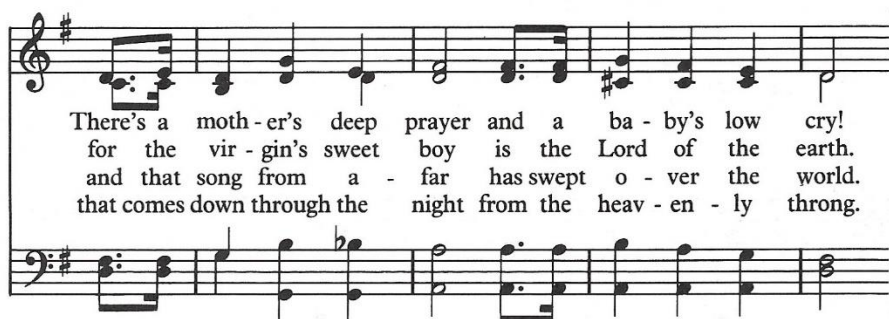


come in - to His house and gath-ered in His name to wor-ship Christ the
 get a - bout your-self and con-cen-trate on Him and wor-ship Christ the
 lift up ho - ly hands and mag-ni - fy His name and wor-ship Christ the

There's a Song in the Air



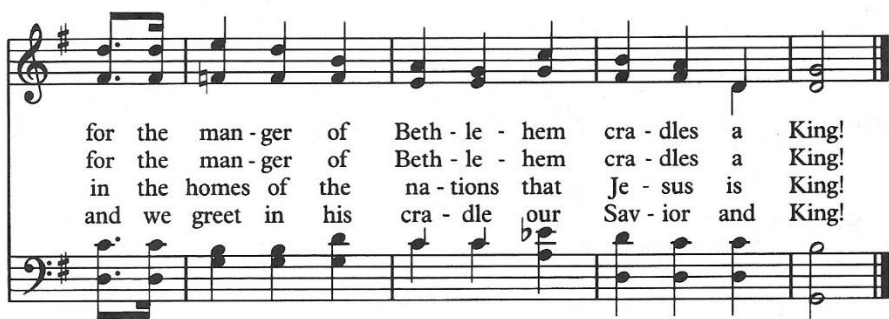
1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
 2. There's a tu - mult of joy o'er the won - der - ful birth,
 3. In the light of that star lie the a - ges im - pearled;
 4. We re - joice in the light, and we ech - o the song



There's a moth - er's deep prayer and a ba - by's low cry!
 for the vir - gin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
 and that song from a - far has swept o - ver the world.
 that comes down through the night from the heav - en - ly throng.



And the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ay! the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ev - ery hearth is a - flame, and the beau - ti - ful sing
 Ay! we shout to the love - ly e - van - gel they bring,



for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 in the homes of the na - tions that Je - sus is King!
 and we greet in his cra - dle our Sav - ior and King!

Away in a Manger

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1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

thru long a - ges of the past, now the time has come at last!
 O how love-ly, O how pure, gra-cious gift to hu-man-kind!
 Je - sus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heaven-ly peace.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Unison

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing

stall; ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing, Christ the babe is Lord of
 new saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel

all. Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings
 true. Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the

Interlude, Ending

bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.