

GATHERING*THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter
Lindsey Lane, piano

Dennis Alexander

*The prelude prepares our hearts and minds for worship. Please remain quietly seated for the duration.**The music for this evening's worship is found in the Holden Evening Prayer Assembly edition.**The congregation may stand.***SERVICE OF LIGHT***THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*

PROCESSION

Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World

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EVENING HYMN

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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EVENING THANKSGIVING

May God Be with You All

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WORD*GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.*

PSALMODY

*Let My Prayer Rise up Like Incense*Psalm 141
Page 4*The congregation is seated.*

LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

L: A reading from Luke.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his

hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

L: The word of life.

C: **Praise to the Living Word.**

REFLECTION

Joy

Kim Taylor Blakemore

Silence is kept for reflection following the reflection.

The congregation may stand.

THE ANNUNCIATION

An Angel Came from God

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THE MAGNIFICAT

My Soul Proclaims

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LITANY AND PRAYERS

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SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

FINAL BLESSING

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POSTLUDE

The First Noel
Lindsey Lane, piano

Sharon Aaronson

Worshippers are invited to be seated during the postlude or leave quietly to allow those who remain to meditate or pray.

This Evening's Worship Leaders:

Presider: Pastor Allison Bengfort

Cantors: Allison Katsufakis and Libby Calhoun

Meditator: Kim Taylor Blakemore

Musicians: Lindsey Lane, piano; Pr. Allison Bengfort, violin

