

# “What a Difference a Day Makes”



**First Sunday after  
Christmas  
December 26, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

WELCOME Pastor Mary

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*OPENING HYMN "Joy To The World" # 92

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

**People: Praise the Lord from the earth!**

Leader: Young and old alike,

**People: men and women together. Praise the Lord!**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 614

MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mary

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Have You Heard"

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3: 12-17 Cynthia Nendel

SERMON "What a Difference a Day Makes" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Pastor Mary

With grateful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

OFFERTORY "Let the World Sing Gloria" Katie Maurer  
(Bose, Brown, Hart)

\*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Loving God: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others. In his name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "The First Noel" # 97 (vs 1,4)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

