

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**

Grant, O God, that the ears which have heard the voice of your song may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth; that the feet which have walked your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have tasted your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory be to you, O God!

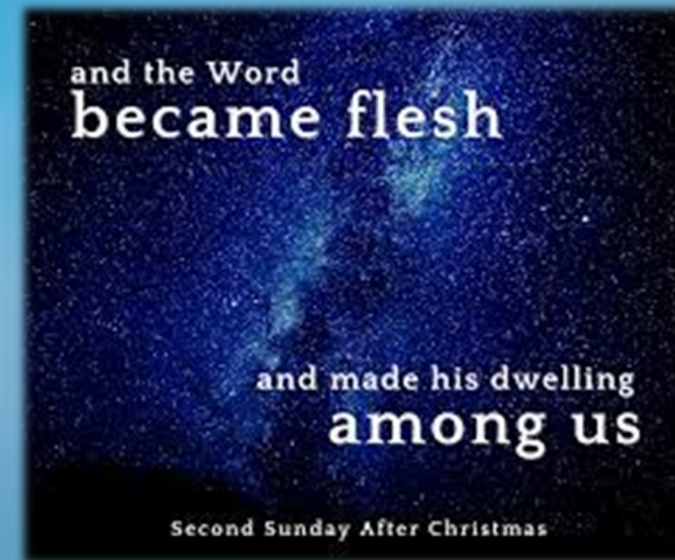
***THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

***CLOSING HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" # 132**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“And In Summation”



**Second Sunday after
Christmas
January 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Mary Hurley, Pastor
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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

WELCOME Pastor Mary

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*OPENING HYMN # 113

"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

* CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us

People: and we have seen his glory.

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

People: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 614

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Mary

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and

() All who are able, please stand when noted.*

are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Blessed Be Your Name"

SCRIPTURE John 1: 1-18 (NRSV)

SERMON "And In Summation" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Pastor Mary

Christ has lavished upon us the riches of his grace. Therefore, let us offer our lives and the fruits of our labor to God.

OFFERTORY "A Light Has Dawned" Katie Maurer
(Light & Chapman)

*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, your goodness to us is beyond the reaches of our imagination, a fullness of love that embraces all of life. From you we have received grace upon grace. Accept our offering for the sake of the world. All that we have is yours, and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Christ Be Our Light"

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

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