

**January 28, 2024**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**  
**Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Carmen Shelly, worship leader

\*HYMN VT 495 *Morning Has Broken*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

MOMENT OF WONDER Sara Mwangura

ANTHEM *Lord of the Dance* arr. Carter

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 Alex Jantzen

SERMON Tammy Duvanel Unruh

HYMN VT 389 *Together*

**WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

**SHARING JOY**

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

**SHARING CONCERNS**

## PRAYING TOGETHER

VT 613 *God, Be with Us*

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

## OFFERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

\*HYMN VT 722

*Help Us to Help Each Other*

\*SENDING FORTH

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back  
with their flock,

the work of Christmas begins:

**to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among people,  
to make music in the heart.\*\***

\*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand

\*\*“When the song of the angels is stilled” *Voices Together* 1064  
Howard Thurman (USA), 1985

*Lord of the Dance*, Text by Sydney Carter, Traditional Tune arranged by Sydney Carter

I danc'd in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danc'd in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven And I danc'd on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance, said He.

I danc'd for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me:  
I danc'd for the fisherman, for James and for John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)

I danc'd on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people, they said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high  
And they left me there on a Cross to die. (Refrain)

I danc'd on the Friday when the sky turned black,  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leap up high,  
I am the life that'll never never die.  
I'll live in you, if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. (Refrain)

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