



Second Sunday of Christmas



January 2, 2022

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Happy New Year! 

Welcome!

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Kirsten Allam

Creative God, through Jesus Christ you make all things new.

As we enter the New Year, we bring you our new plans and old fears, our new dreams and old problems.

Because you are a God of love, we know you forgive the mistakes of the past.

Because you are a God of hope, we trust you to create possibilities for the future. Amen.

Hymn: *God of the Ages*

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Scripture:

Luke 2:22 - 40

Message: "Seeing Divine Signs"

Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter &
Eric McKirdy

Prayer for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy God, in the beginning you called out, "Let there be light!" Just as your light of creation spread in response, so too does your light rise each day, offering us a new chance to make today a little brighter than yesterday. When we feel overcome or succumb to the dark night of our souls, you offer us a way back into the light of hope.

And so we praise you, saying,

**You are the Light. You are our God, piercing the dark night.
Blessed are the ones who shine their lights in your name!**

A star appeared on a silent and holy night and brought with it your peace, joy, love, and hope in the form of a baby. This holy infant, tender and mild, was a sign of new life, a sign of holy vulnerability, a sign of your presence enfleshed in our human form. This would be the light that showed forth the truth that all humanity is beloved and called us to care for each one as beloved. Jesus welcomed people and showed them their radiance. Jesus welcomes us and says, "This bread and this cup are my life and light for you. And because I shine in you, let your light shine for the world."

And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ's offering of salvation as we proclaim:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts. Transform us into the Light of your Love for all and make us one in you and one with each other. Thanks and praise be to the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer!

Amen!

This is the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Take, eat and drink....

Song: *You're Here*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter
& Eric McKirdy

Closing Blessing

Postlude



- United Methodist Women meet on Wednesday, January 5, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Copies of the January issue of the church's newsletter, the Tower Notes, are on the table in the narthex (entryway).
- If you would like to join our church's prayer chain, please tell Carol Poppe, the church office, or Pastor Lura.
- Newer People Gather: If you started attending or watching our worship service within the past 3 or so years, Neal and Pastor Lura invite you to a newcomers' gathering. It is on Sunday, January 9, in the chapel following the Sunday morning worship service. The chapel is opposite the Sanctuary at the other end of our church campus.

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How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! (Repeat)

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down

from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! (Refrain)