

WELCOME Rev. John Allen

PRELUDE *My Lord, What a Morning* setting, Richard Billingham
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Ruth Thibodeau

LIGHTING the ADVENT WREATH Andrew Eppich, Colleen Staatz,
Madeline & Miles Eppich-Staatz

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!
All whose lives are shadowed by fear, this light shines for them.

Today we light the third candle of advent.
**Amid despair, and in spite of grief, the joyful light grows
brighter still.**

(The advent wreath is lit)

PRAYER
**Kindle in our hearts your joyful light, O God. Make us beacons of your
love and heralds of your peace. Amen.**

****HYMN** *Creator of the Stars of Night* See hymn insert

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN See hymn insert

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7 Martha Kittle

CANTATA *Creator of the Stars of Night* Delmar Dustin Small
Adult Choir
Tenor Soloist, Jesse Myers-Wakeman
Bass Soloist, John D. Adams
Violin, Linda Nagy-Johnston
Viola, Julia Eiten
Cello, Karen Jung
English horn, Billie Jo Brito
Harp, Virginia Flanagan
Dr. Jane Hagness, conductor
(See insert for lyrics)

****HYMN** *O How Shall I Receive You* NCH #102

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Francesco Marshall
**Our God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE (Whelpton)
**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rev. John Allen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Conditor alme siderum* setting, Richard Warner
(Creator of the Stars of Night)
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

****OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)**
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****HYMN** *We Hail You God's Anointed* NCH #104

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott, BWV 602* J.S. Bach
(Praise Almighty God)
on the chant tune, Conditor alme siderum
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

 *Today's altar flowers are provided in loving memory of
the Hoyt family by Ed & Nancy Langbein.* 

Please join us for coffee hour following today's service!

Bold text = Please join us in voice! ****** = Please rise as you are able



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