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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**DECEMBER 13, 2020 WORSHIP**  
**8:30a CLASSIC SERVICE**

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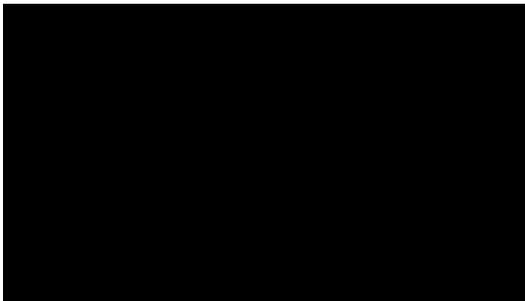
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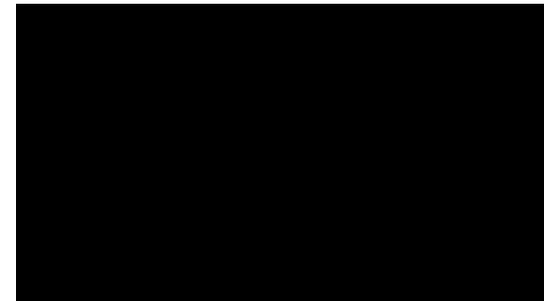
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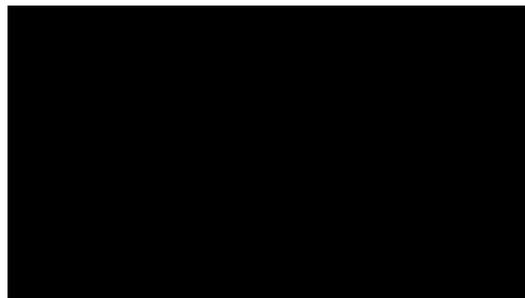
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Leader: We want everything to look nice: the decorations of the season, our homes with their lights and tinsel, wreaths and ribbons. We want to lighten the

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darkness around us, bring beauty to the ugliness that wears us down. We decorate, because it is tradition. Because it lifts our hearts. Because it makes us feel

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like children again. We deck our halls because company is coming. The prophet Isaiah smiled when he said, "God will give a garland

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instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit." No matter how far we feel from the spirit of the season, God

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promises to decorate us with love and with joy. We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of

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this season – not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and

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hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming.  
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**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus v1**  
UMC Hymnal #196, Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Rowland Prichard

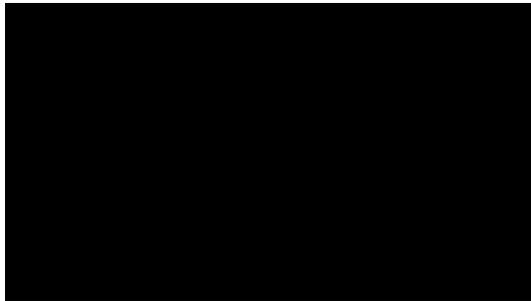
*(v1) Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.*

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*Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.*

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The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the

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brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance

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of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the

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mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins,

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they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and

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wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the

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nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in

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the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a

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bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown

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in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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### Opening Song

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### Hail to the Lord's Anointed v1-3

UM Red Hymnal #203, Words: James Montgomery, Music: Gesangbuch der H.W.k. Hofkapelle

*(v1) Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!*

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*He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.*

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*(v2) He comes with succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;*

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*To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Are precious in his sight.*

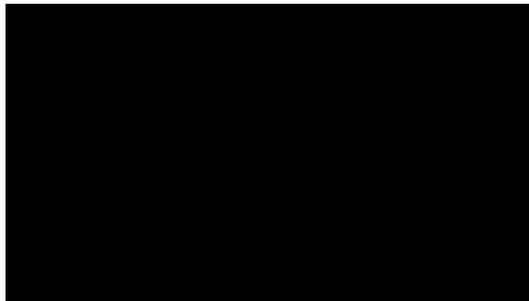
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*(v3) He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth.*

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*Before him, on the mountains,  
Shall peace, the herald, go,  
And righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.*  
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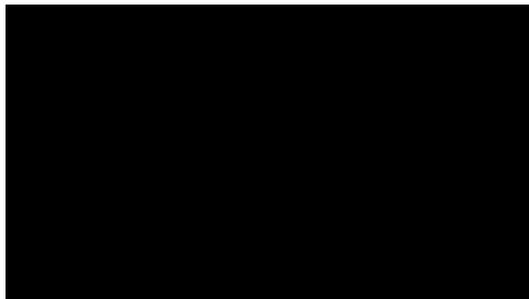
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**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ; through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and are given new birth through water and the Spirit.

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All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

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I present these people who come to join in membership with this congregation.

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**RENUNCIATION OF SIN**

**P:** On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**N:** I do.

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**P:** Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**N:** I do.

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**P:** Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**N:** I do.

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**P:** According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

**N:** I will.

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**P:** Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**C:** We do.

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P: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these people now before you in your care?

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C: With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to

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others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk the way that leads to life.

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH**  
P: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

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P: Do you believe in God the Father?  
A: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  
A: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

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he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
A: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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**RECEPTION INTO THE UMC**  
P: As members of Christ’s universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?  
N: I will.

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P: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

N: I will.

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**COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

P: Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

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C: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

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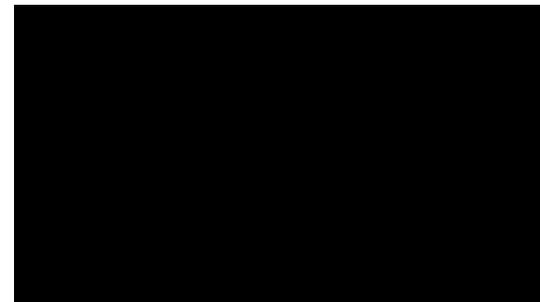
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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P: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

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People: Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their

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warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ

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our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.  
  
*(silent confessions)*

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Leader: We will greatly rejoice in the Lord;  
  
People: our whole being shall exult in our God;

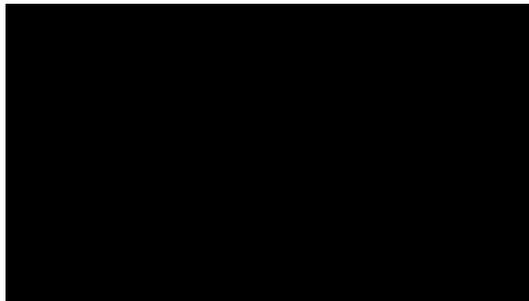
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Leader: for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
  
People: God has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

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Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
  
People: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.  
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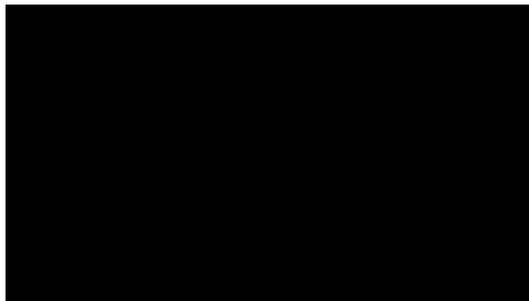
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**Emmanuel, Emmanuel**  
UMC Red Hymnal #204, Words & Music: Bob McGee  
  
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, Revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.*  
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**Sermon**  
  
Home Free  
  
Rev. Rebecca Voss  
Wausau: First UMC

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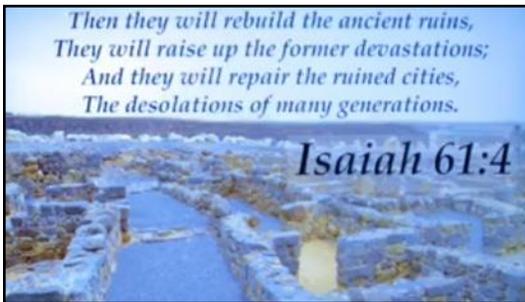
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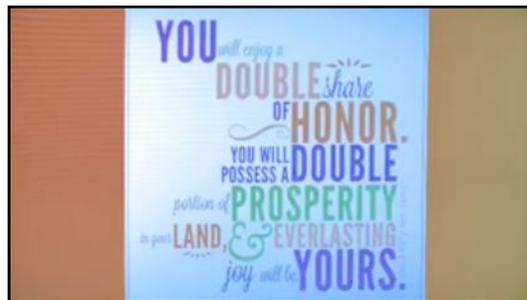
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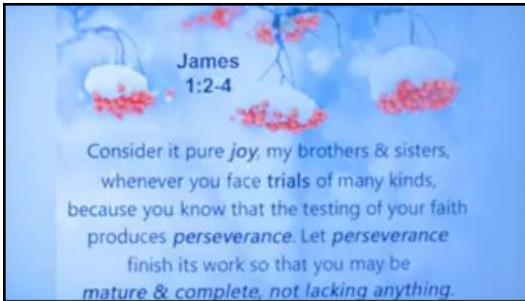
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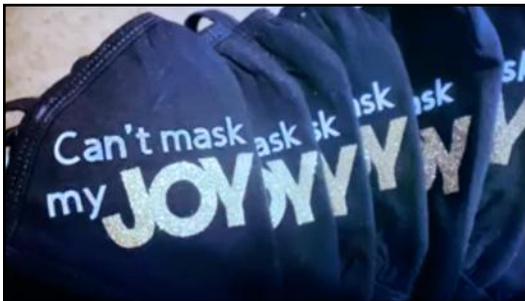
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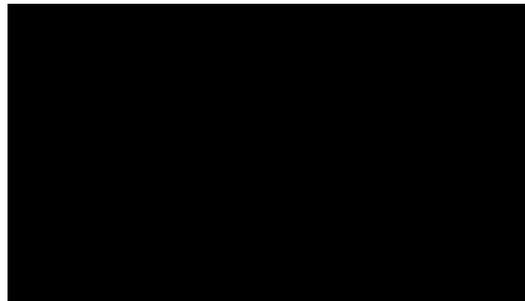
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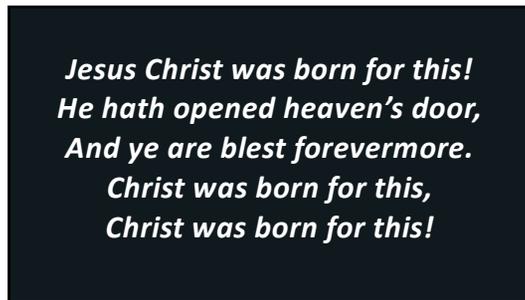
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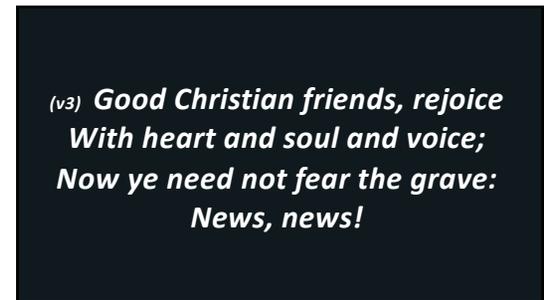
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*Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!*  
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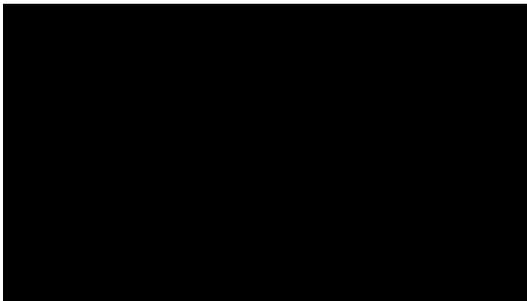
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The Lord's Prayer  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

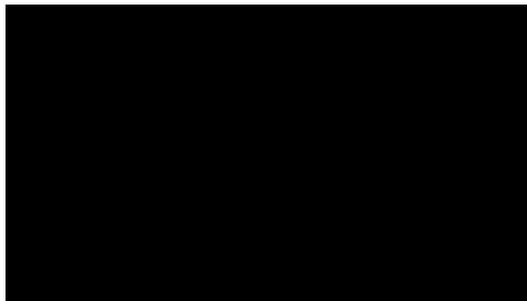
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Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,

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but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.  
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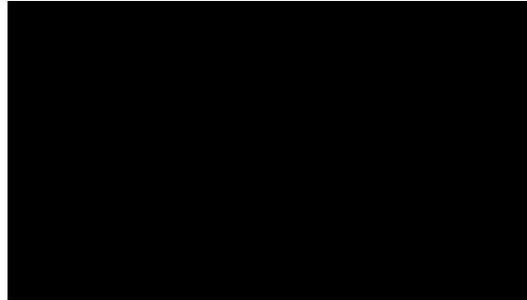
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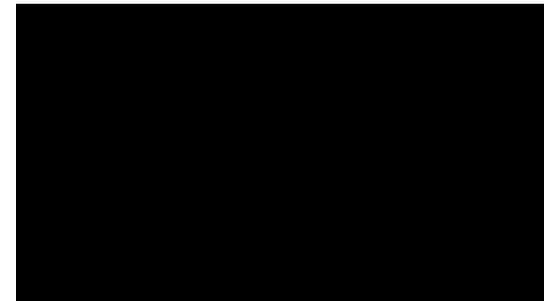
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*Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures  
here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

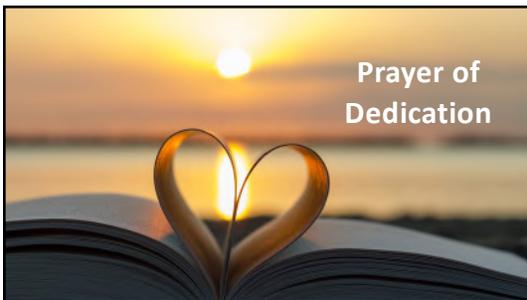
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*Praise God, the source  
of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! \*\*\**

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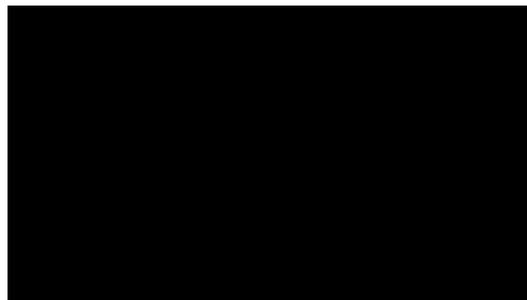


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Prayer of  
Dedication

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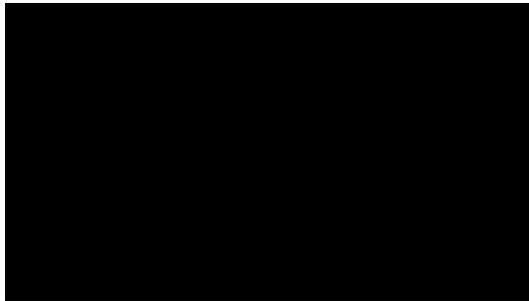


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Invitation &  
Announcements

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**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** v1-3  
Text: Henry Van Dyke & Music: Ludwig van Beethoven & Edward Hodges

*(v1) Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
 God of glory, Lord of love;  
 Hearts unfold like  
 flowers before thee,  
 Opening to the sun above.*

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*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
 Drive the dark of doubt away.  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 Fill us with the light of day!*

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*(v2) All Thy works with joy  
 surround thee,  
 Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around thee,  
 Center of unbroken praise.*

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*Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
 Call us to rejoice in thee.*

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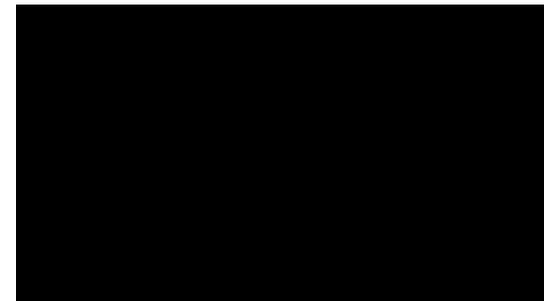
*(v3) Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 Ever blessing, ever blest,  
 Well-spring of the joy of living,  
 Ocean depth of happy rest!*

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*Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
 All who live in love are thine;  
 Teach us how to love each other,  
 Lift us to the joy divine.*

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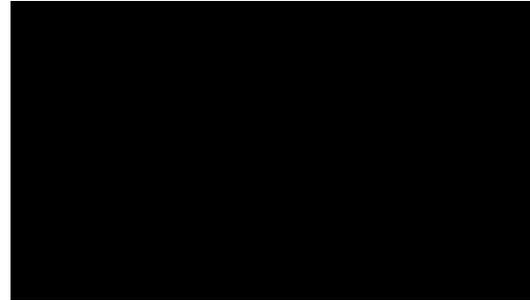
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