

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Eve Service: Sing for Joy — God Is in Charge!

December 24, 2022



The long-anticipated restoration is here and now. The same Holy Spirit that birthed Jesus is available to us. This is how a small baby can be good news for today's world.

Time of Quiet & Music: John Carlson

Prelude: Congregational Singing

#236 Creator of the Stars of Night (1-3,5,6)

A Call to Worship based upon Isaiah 9

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them the light has shined.

P: For those who walk the cold dark streets of our city looking for home - you are not alone!

L: For those who have crossed borders fleeing poverty, political oppression and climatic disruption - the light of justice will greet you.

P: For you who are lost in the darkness of addiction - a fuller life awaits!

L: For those caught in the revolving door of the justice system - rejoice for you will be set free!

P: For all who are poor, hungry and homeless - good news! God desires to fill your needs.

L: For those surviving in war zones - the Prince of Peace will end all violence.

P: For to all of us, even those who want for nothing and have power to make change -

L: A child has been born to save us and the weight of all that God desires is upon his shoulders!

ALL: Jesus' authority shall know no bounds, there shall be endless peace and he will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Congregational Singing:

#241 O Come All Ye Faithful (1,3,4)

#248 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (1,3,4)

Luke 2:1-7 “The Birth of Jesus”: Steve

“Mary Did You Know”: John Carlson

Congregational Singing:

257 Away in the Manger

258 Love has Come

Luke 2:8-20 “Good News of Great Joy!”: Steve



Congregational Singing:

#249 Angels We have Heard on High

267 What Child is This/ #268 Helpless and Hungry

Sing a New Song, based upon Psalms 96

L: O sing to the Lord a new song and may all the earth join us in this song.

P: Declare the glory of God throughout the universe.

L: For great is the Lord who made the heavens, far greater than any other possible priority.

P: Far too many folks seem to follow other gods who are only idols.

L: “It is our Lord who should be our king, president, governor, and mayor!

P: Because God truly desires to rule the world with equity.”

ALL: The entire Universe is filled with light of God’s love! Let all of creation rejoice.

Congregational Singing:

#240 Joy to the World

“So This Is Christmas/War Is Over”: Geoff

Krall

Sending:

Titus 3:4 -7 But when the goodness and loving kindness of a restorative God appeared, the Divine Creator saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God’s loving mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit was poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by this grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

