

## WORSHIP SERVICE 12-27-2020

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (a poem by Howard Thurman)

LEADER: 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,

**PEOPLE: The work of Christmas begins:**

LEADER: To find the lost, to heal the broken,

**PEOPLE: To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers,**

LEADER: To make music from the heart.

### PRAYER

HYMN # Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and he is in the manger now;  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door and we are blessed forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

HYMN # It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all-gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still thro the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lonely plains they bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er the Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole earth send back the song which now the angels sing.

## GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN #                      Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying  
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord send Your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### SCRIPTURE READING              Philippians 1: 3- 11

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

### REFLECTION                      This is My Prayer

HYMN #                      Be Thou My Vision  
Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true child,  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**BENEDICTION**