



**Worship Service for December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Judy Walden
Welcome	Rev. Mona
Centering Moment	Rev. Mona
Call to Worship	Judy Walden

LEADER: Glory to God in the highest.

ALL: On earth peace and goodwill toward all.

LEADER: From a woman, the Messiah has come.

ALL: Love is extended to all people.

LEADER: Jesus, Emmanuel.

ALL: God among us.

Hymn Sing! #174 "Star Child" Marshall Davies

1st Biblical Witness Judy Walden

Ephesians 3:17-19

...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may

have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

2nd Biblical Witness

Rev. Mona

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Reflection

“Are We Good News”

Rev. Mona

Special Music

Aimee & Mark

“Mary Did You Know”

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Mona

Unison Prayer

Rev. Mona

Together we defy the darkness by being the Light. We make violence tremble by being peacemakers. When

chaos and trauma cause distress, we counter by reaching for love and remembering joy. This day, when people are going hungry, give us bread to share. This day, when people are angry and hurtful, give us forgiveness to offer. When there is so much temptation to be selfish and careless, this day give us the strength to be kind and intentional. As we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of a holy child, remind us that we are all born holy and deserve love and tenderness. In the many names of Love, may it be so.

Invitation to Offering

Judy Walden

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Marshall Davies

Offertory Prayer

Judy Walden

LEADER: In celebration of this time of gift-giving, we bless this offering and call it holy.

ALL: The time, talent, and treasure we give is a way for us to act. A way for us to bring the Beloved Kin-dom here to earth.

LEADER: We open our hearts and spirits to new birth and transformation.

ALL: We commit what we have gathered to help us sow seeds of love into the world.

Benediction

Rev. Mona

Postlude

Marshall Davies