



## **Worship Service for December 28, 2025**

**Prelude**

Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour**

Amie Friday

**Welcome**

Scott Edmonds

**Centering Moment**

Scott Edmonds

**Praise and Worship Song**

Congregation

*Sing! #174 "Star Child"*

Star-Child, earth-Child

Go-between of God,

Love Child, Christ Child,

Heaven's lightning rod.

This year, this year,

Let the day arrive

When Christmas comes for every-one,

Everyone alive!

Street child, beat child,

no place left to go,  
hurt child, used child,  
no one wants to know.

Grown child, old child,  
memory full of years,  
sad child, lost child,  
story told in tears.

This year, this year,  
Let the day arrive  
When Christmas comes for every-one,  
Everyone alive!

Spared child, spoiled child,  
having, wanting more,  
wise child, faith child,  
knowing joy in store.

Hope-for-peace Child,  
God's stupendous sign,

Down-to-earth Child,  
Star of stars that shine.

This year, this year,  
Let the day arrive  
When Christmas comes for every-one,  
Everyone alive!

## **Announcements**

Amie Friday

## **Call to Worship**

Amie Friday

LEADER: We continue in wakeful alertness, for the spiritual life calls us to this.

**ALL: We continue to welcome the life of Jesus, who embodied divine truths to live by.**

LEADER: We continue to greet the Holy One, who makes of us living temples of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: We continue to walk the path of discipleship with unwavering devotion.**

LEADER: Holy One, we give you our praise.

**ALL: Holy One, move in and through us! May your  
peace blossom in our lives and in our world!**

**\*Hymn**

**Congregation**

*TNCH #138 "Jesus, Our Brother, Strong and Good"*  
*vs. 1 - 3, & 6*

Jesus, our brother, strong and good,  
was humbly born in a stable rude,  
and the friendly beasts around him stood,  
Jesus our brother, strong and good.

"I", said the donkey, shaggy, and brown,  
"I carried for your mother uphill and down,  
I carried your mother to Bethlehem town;  
I," said the donkey, shaggy, and brown.

"I", said the cow, all white and red,  
"I gave you my manger for your bed,  
I gave my hay to pillow your head;  
I," said the cow, all white and red.

Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,  
in the stable dark were glad to tell  
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,  
The gifts they gave Emmanuel.

## **Gathering Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, we pray for the power to be gentle;  
the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be  
understanding; and the endurance to hold firm to  
what we believe is noble and right. We put our trust in  
the power of love to overcome the darkness of hate  
and oppression. Empower us to devote our whole life  
to the task of making peace, praying always for the  
inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Scott Edmonds

*John 17:1*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you.

*Matthew 5:23 & 24*

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

**Contemporary Witness**

Amie Friday

*Various Quotes*

"My mother was a personal friend of God's. They had ongoing conversations."

- Rev. Della Reese

"The place of God in my soul is blank-there is no God in me."

-Mother Teresa

"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to build the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself."

-Congressman John Lewis

## **Reflection**

Scott Edmonds

*"A Future Worth Creating"*

## **Special Music**

Marshall Davies

*Sarabande, from "French" Suite in E Major, BWV 817*

## **Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns**

Scott Edmonds & Congregation

## **Invitation to Offering**

Amie Friday

Tony's Place

## **Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

### **\*Doxology**

Congregation

**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.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

Amie Friday

**ALL: Holy One, we commit what we have offered to  
help sow seeds of hope, peace, joy, and love in the  
world. Bless now these offerings. May they be used  
in the service of your divine light.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #154 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hill and everywhere.

Go tell the mountain,



that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hill and everywhere.  
Go tell the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hill and everywhere.  
Go tell the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hill and everywhere.  
Go tell the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!

**Benediction**

Scott Edmonds

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

*TNCH #136 "Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"*

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.  
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;  
new life, new hope the Child will bring.  
Listen to the angels sing,  
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.  
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Listen to the angels sing,  
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**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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