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GATHERING SONG

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH 238 vs. 1 & 2

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

GREETING/WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

"Hope Waits for Us at Advent"

Verse 1

Hope waits for us at advent. Hope waits for us to trust. Hope waits for our commitment to a land that's kind and just.

In this time of preparation for the work of cocreation, for the birthing of a world that heals the ones in pain, hope is born in us again.

Verse 2

Peace waits for us at advent. Peace waits for us to rest. Peace waits for our acceptance of the truth that we are blessed. In this time of preparation for the work of cocreation, for the birthing of a world of gentleness and play, peace is born in us each day.

Verse 3

Joy waits for us at advent. Joy waits for us to sing. Joy waits for our amazement at the grace in everything.

In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation, for the birthing of a world where wonder is restored, joy is born in us once more.

OPENING PRAYER

KIDZ CHURCH Children ages three and up may go to Kidz Church in the Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING "Ding Dong! Merrily on High & Joy to the World" Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Zephaniah 3:14-20

SERMON Pastor Susan Rang

RESPONSE SONG "Shout to the Lord"

And the seas will roar **Verse**

My Jesus my Saviour At the sound of Your name

Lord there is none like You I sing for joy

At the work of Your hands All of my days I want to praise Forever I'll love You

The wonders of Your mighty love Forever I'll stand My comfort my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength Nothing compares to the promise

Let every breath all that I am I have in You

Never cease to worship You (Repeat song)

Chorus

Ending Shout to the Lord

Nothing compares to the promise I have All the earth let us sing Nothing compares to the promise I have Power and majesty

Nothing compares to the promise Praise to the King

Mountains bow down I have in You

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **UMH 885**

Pastor

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen

INVITATION

SENDING SONG

"Trading My Sorrows"

Chorus For His promise will endure

I'm trading my sorrows I'm trading my shame

I'm laying them down His joy comes with the morning

I'm trading my sickness

I'm trading my pain I'm laying them down

For the joy of the Lord

For the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed Persecuted not abandoned Struck down but not destroyed

I am blessed beyond the curse

That His joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows I'm trading my shame I'm laying them down

For the joy of the Lord I'm trading my sickness

I'm trading my pain I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Yes Lord ves Lord ves ves Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL