

JULY 28, 2024

11:00 AM

**A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
FOR "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"**

PRELUDE, GATHERING,

HYMN *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* **240**

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **196**

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **211**
(stanzas 1,2,4,7)

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king ...

CAROL *Canticle of Light and Darkness* **205**

FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2-5a

The king is coming & will usher in a reign of justice for the poor & peace for all God's creation.

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **230**

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35,38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to Gods promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

CHOIR *Spirit Song*

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

CAROL *The First Noel* (stanza 1) **245**

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

CAROL *There's a Song in the Air* **249**

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the King of the Jews.

CAROL *Once in Royal David's City* **250**

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **234**

TENTH LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4

God has spoken now by his Son.

CAROL *Love Came Down at Christmas* **242**

A SHORT REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

COLLECT

(unison prayer)

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world,
the light of your Son.
Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth;
and so direct our steps
that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us,
as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy
to the manger where he dwelled,
who now and ever reigns in our hearts,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CAROL

Joy to the World

246

Credits:

*With minor additions, this Order of Service is copied from
the United Methodist Book of Worship. (paragraph 284)*

*Hymns/songs were selected based in part on those suggested in that resource,
and in part based on songs requested by the congregation.*

Announcements & Notes

**ANY area where you have an interest & willingness to serve,
please let us know.**

**What NEW thing would you like to see
the church try to do during 2024?**

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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or 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21 and John 6:1-21

Questions for Reflection: (Ps. 145:15-16)

There is much hunger in the world, and many people live in want.
Even the earth is wounded by humans and not getting what it
needs to recover. In that context, how do you receive the word of
the psalmist who writes,
*“The eyes of all look to you, and
you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing”*

Morning Prayers:

God of the sunrise, ground me and root me in love today.
As I move through all the different roles I play—
parent, child, student, worker, church member, supervisor, volunteer—
be my companion and strengthen my inner being
where I live with you. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

God of the embracing darkness,
thank you for dwelling in my heart.
I was able to accomplish some things today and not others.
Thank you for letting me rest in the promise that
you are able to accomplish abundantly more in my life
than all I can ask or imagine.
I will sleep in peace. Amen.

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