Order of Worship
December 27, 2020

Welcome   Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting   Mark Frazier

    O Lord, you have come to us in the Word made flesh.

    You have offered us new life in the Child of Bethlehem.

    Our voices sing with gladness,

    And our hearts rejoice in praise!

Opening Hymn   **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**   UMH 224

Opening Prayer   Fran Underwood

    Light of life, you came in flesh,

    born into human pain and joy,

    and gave us power to be your children.

    Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us,

    so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness

    and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

Scripture   **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**   Elijah Gilliam

Sermon   Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Special Music   **The First Noel**   arr. Bill Ingram

                          Chapel Bells

Offering Prayer   NIlse Furtado-Gilliam

Lord of Peace and Hope, we thankfully give these generous gifts as an expression of all that you have given us. As the prophets foretold, your son was born for the redemption of our sins. We humbly acknowledge that of all the gifts we have received, your gift of a babe in a manger is the one that truly matters. We prayerfully ask you to increase our ability to help others discover anew the best Christmas message ever, the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn   **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**   UMH 251

Benediction   Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Postlude   **In Dulci Jubilo**   Bach

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 224

1., 2., 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss: News, news!
voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!

Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and ass be -
Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened
Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
heav - en's door, and ye are blest for - ev - er - more.
calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
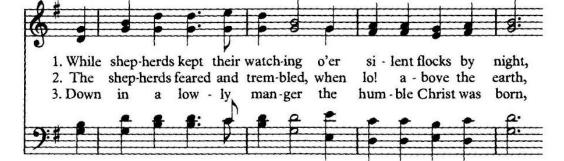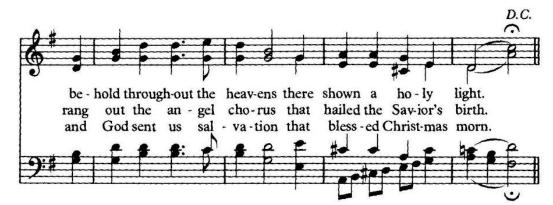Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

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Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

Fine

go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth,
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

D.C.

be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho-ly light.
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-ior's birth.
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.