

Assembly Mennonite Church

*First Sunday after Christmas Day:*

*He comes to us in all our distress*

January 1, 2023, 10:30am

### **Gathering**

VT 240 *Joy to the World*

Call to worship

VT 265 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

### **Offering ourselves and our gifts**

Confession and Affirmation

Leader: ... Paradox both confounds and comforts us.

**All: Our hardships do not just go away, but we believe that**

**God took human form in the crying newborn Jesus.**

**God showed up to walk the walk. Thanks be to God!**

Offering - VT 252 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

### **Hearing the Word**

Children's Time (*Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's Time in room 2, with childcare afterward. Children 4 and up are invited up front for Children's time*)

Matthew 2:13-23; Isaiah 63:7-9

Sermon

### **Responding to the Word**

VT 267/268 *What Child is This / Helpless and Hungry*

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

### **Sending**

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements (*Please give written announcements to the worship leader before this time*)

VT 258 *Love Has Come*

Benediction

Song leader: Mary Gilbert; Worship Leader: Becky Snider;

Children's Time: Lora Nafziger; Preacher: Jonathon Schramm;

Pastoral Prayer: Lora Nafziger; Tech hosts: Jenna Martin, Phil

Good-Elliott; Visuals: Stephen Lowe, Anna Yoder Schlabach, Kay

Bontrager-Singer, co-pastor of Faith MC

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### **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and ear speaker from the sound booth.

2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils in your hearing aids. (You do not need a receiver or headphones.) If you aren't getting great reception on your hearing aid, try moving closer to the middle of the circle. There is a map at the sound booth showing where the best seats are.

## Joy to the World

ANTIOCH CM extended

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

king: let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and  
 play while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re -  
 ground. He comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: based on Psalm 96; base: Watts (England), *The Psalms of David* ( ), 1719, alt.  
 Music: Lowell Mason (USA), *Occasional Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1836

## 265 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE R.7.6.7.8.7

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions—bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth. As you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
 beam a - far. Seek the great de - sire of na - tions,  
 hope and fear, shall be - hold God's love un - end - ing;

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth;  
 yon - der shines the in - fant light; come and wor - ship,  
 guid - ed by his na - tal star;  
 Christ will once a - gain ap - pear;

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King,

For a lower key, see "For the Healing of the Nations" #705.

Text: James Montgomery (Scotland), *The Sheffield Iris*, 1816, alt.  
 Music: Henry Smart (England), *Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship*, 1867

# 252 Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN 7.6.7.6 with refrain

Swing: ♩ = ♩♩

Refrain G Em D7 G

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

Em G/D D7 G

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

D7 G

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,

A D7 To refrain

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

Text: African American spiritual (USA); adapt. John W. Work Jr. (USA), 1871-1925  
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. Valerie A. Foster (USA), alt., © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

# 267 What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.6.8.6.7

Em G D Em Am B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing,  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Em G D Em B Esus Em

whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear, for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing.  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high; the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by.

Bm G D Em B Esus Em

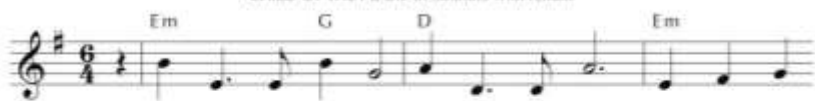
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry!  
 Hail, hail the Word-made-flesh, the babe, the son of Ma-ry!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma-ry!

Text: William C. Dix (England), Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871  
 Music: English traditional



# 268 Helpless and Hungry

CHILD OF THE POOR 5,4,8,5,8,5 with refrain



1 Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly, a-fraid, wrapped in the  
 2 Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look-ing for  
 3 Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with



chill of mid-win-ter; comes now a-mong us, born in-to  
 shel-ter a-mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we  
 noth-ing to of-fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the



pov-er-ty's em-brace, new life for the world.  
 see a-mid the poor, the chil-dren of God?  
 fright-ened heart: "Fear not: † here is your God!"



Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,



know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the world in the



eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

This hymn may be sung with "What Child Is This" (#267, melody only) as follows:  
 "Helpless and Hungry," verse 1, followed by "What Child Is This," verse 1;  
 "Helpless and Hungry," verse 2, followed by "What Child Is This," verse 2;  
 both sung simultaneously on verse 3.

Text: Scott Soper (USA)  
 Music: Scott Soper  
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# 258 Love Has Come

UN FLAMBEAU (BRING A TORCH) 9,9,10,9,9,8



1 Love has come— a light in the dark-ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won-der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev-er will leave us! Love is life ev-er-



Beth-le-hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro-claim it.  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth-et.  
 last-ing and free. Love is Je-sus with-in and a-mong us.



Hear how their song of joy a-ris-es: Love! Love! Born un-to  
 What is the name her heart is say-ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek-ing, Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav-ior! Love! Love! Glo-ry to God on high!  
 name she whis-pers. Love! Love! Je-sus, Em-man-u-el.  
 gift of Christ-mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!



Text: Ken Blaikie (USA)  
 Music: arr. Nicolas Saboly (France), 17th c.; harmon. Ken Blaikie  
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