

The Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday June 13, 2010 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Christ has come!

All: Emmanuel! God with us!

One: Join the angels in singing praise to God

All: Join the Shepherds on bended knee

One: Come, let us follow the star!

**All: Let us journey again to Bethlehem, that all might meet the Savior,
Christ the Lord!**

OPENING HYMN: #40 (Blue Hymnal) **Joy to the World!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, Author of all things, We bow before You, pledging to be Your people, then wander astray, distracted by our lives, our interests, our friends and families. You call us back, time and again. We return to You, only to wander again. But You are a creative and persistent God, finally coming to join us, to walk among us, and to tell us Your ways. Tell us again the story of Word made Flesh, Emmanuel, God with us. Help us to know You, through the gift of the Messiah. Lead us from the manger to the cross, that we might understand Your great love for us. Hear now the prayers of our hearts...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI: #579 (Blue Hymnal)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

ANTHEM: **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Worship Choir

Hal Hopson From **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #43 (Blue Hymnal) **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

SERMON

“The Birth of the King”

The Rev. Larry Coulter

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY: #815 (Gray Hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CLOSING HYMN: #259 (Gray Hymnal) **Angels from the Realms of Glory**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #243 (Gray Hymnal) **Emmanuel**

POSTLUDE