





January 1, 2017

“Glorifying God and Reflecting the Love of Jesus Christ to the World.”

God Calls Us to Be Present in Worship

**Prelude**

“Joyous Morning”

-by Gerald Peterson

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise the Lord! O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

Leader: He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest wheat.

**People: He sends out his command to the earth; his Word runs swiftly.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Opening Prayer**

*Please fill out attendance cards ~ they will be collected later in the service.*

**Song of Praise**

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory” (vv. 1&4)

-#131 in the Red hymnal

**Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, we cannot fully comprehend that you became one of us, in order to save us from sin and death and lead us into life abundant. We forget that our lives depend on your grace alone, and not on our own good intentions or our great accomplishments. Forgive us, and lead us in your light, that we, too, might be light in a dark and weary world.*

**Pardon and the Peace**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**God Speaks to Us in Scripture**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 65:7-9

p. 693 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

**Special music** “In the Bleak Midwinter” Piano & Organ  
-by Gustav Holst

**New Testament Reading** Hebrews 2: 10-18  
p.219 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

**Blessing of the Children**

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 2: 13-23

**Sermon** “Healing in Exodus”

**God Calls for a Response**

**\*Hymn of Response** “There Is a Balm In Gilead”  
# 423 in the Red hymnal

**The Offering**

Offertory “There’s a Song in the Air”  
-by Dorothy Wells

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

**Offering of Our Lives to God**

Intercession for Healing

Thanksgiving and Invocation

Laying on of Hands

Anointing of Oil

**Prayers of the People**

**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*