

Spring Hill United Church of Christ



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome and Announcements

Acolyte ~ Riley Bradley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

~Lilly Browning

One: The Christmas season continues, and the spirit of Christmas reigns among us.

All: **We want to prolong the friendly greetings and carols of good cheer.**

One: The steadfast love of God abides with all who are receptive to it.

All: **In the name of the One who shared our humanity, we bring our worship and praise.**

***Gathering Hymn**

“Carol Our Christmas”

#141

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (IN UNISON) *(please be seated)*

Eternal God, active in human history on this planet, we give thanks for your visitation in our midst. For the old, old story we have relived this Christmas season, we sing our gratitude. Continue with us, God of our salvation, that we may receive wisdom and grow in love toward all your children. May your word-made flesh herald a renewal among us. To that end, bless this time of worship, in Jesus’ name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (IN UNISON)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you. God has loved us from before all time, so much that our sins are forgiven. Let us receive and reveal God’s love, through the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 2: 10-18

(CEB)

Special Music

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

arr. H. Helvey.

Time with the Children and the Child Within

Prayers of the People

The 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, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen,

Choral Response

"Cares Chorus"

*I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.*

Morning Offering

Offertory

**Response*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heaven'ly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Doxology

**Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)*

Loving God, if our gifts are to accomplish all You intend, we must multiply our generosity and depend on You to accomplish far more than we have any right to expect. Bless each gift and each giver, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 2: 13 - 23

(CEB)

The Word Interpreted

"Herod the Horrible"

Rev. Donna Ives

**Sending Hymn*

"Who Would Think That What Was Needed" #153

**Blessing*

**Postlude*

Fantasia on "In Dulci Jubilo"

J.S. Bach

**please rise as you are able*

