



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

\*SONG OF PRAISE

My Lord, What a Morning

Hymnal, No. 352

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray:

**Affirming God,  
Your first words to creation were words of love.  
You looked at this earth and said, "It is good."  
You spoke affirmations through the prophets.  
You spoke blessings over Mary.  
You spoke belonging through Christ.  
At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing,  
made in your image, held in your love.  
Forgive us for forgetting this truth.  
Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick  
instead of yours.  
We believe.  
Help our unbelief.  
In Christ's name we pray,  
amen.**  
*(Time of silent reflection)*

God says,

**"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name.  
You are mine."**

We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck.

**Thanks be to God! May we believe it. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain) Hymnal, No.113

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

A Peaceful Alleluia

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG                      In Case No One Ever Told You                      Bulletin p. 7

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE                                      Benedictus                                      Alec Rowley

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column on the attendance sheet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for December 8: Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for December are canned soup and crackers. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn-ing; my Lord! what a morn-ing;

O my Lord! what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to

*Fine*

fall, when the stars be-gin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trum - pet
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner
- 3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound  
cry,  
shout,

to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

*to Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

## Steal Away

*Refrain*

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je-sus!

Steal a-way, steal a-way home; I ain't got long to stay here.

1 My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the thun-der.  
 2 Green trees are bend-ing; poor sin-ners stand a trem-bling.  
 3 My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the light-ning.

The trum-pet sounds with-in my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

# In Case No One Ever Told You

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

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Music from the *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668



In case no one e - ver told you or  
You are the mas - ter - piece born of God's  
You are u - nique - ly cre - a - ted for



you have for - got - ten You are a bless - ing and  
i - ma - gin - a - tion E - ven the parts that are  
love and be - long - ing For - cing your - self to be



have been since you were be - got - ten  
cry - ing out for res - tor - a - tion  
some - one you're not is ex - haus - ting



Fash - ioned from love Sent to the earth from a - bove  
All that you are Born out of star - dust and scars  
You are a gift There is no box you must fit



You're no - thing short of a god - send  
Re - flects God's per - fect cre - a - tion  
Let your be - lov - ed - ness blos - som