Order of Worship - December 22, 2024

**PRELUDE:** Fred Crase

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Kestle & Pastor Seth

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT: Acolytes

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (standing)

Voice of One: God has done great things for us!

Voice of Many: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

One: Holy is God's name!

Many: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

One: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

Many: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

OPENING HYMN: #2090 (v. 1-4) The Faith We Sing LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tom, Evonne, Darlene, and Zander Holman

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (standing) (Turn in orange cards and Pew Pads)

ANTHEM: Chancel Choir "Hark the Glad Sound!" by Graig Curry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** Seth L. Leypoldt

LORD'S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

**HYMN:** #2284 The Faith We Sing "Joy in the Morning" (all verses)

MESSAGE: THIS DAY CHOOSE JOY Philippians 4.4-7

"Don't Worry Be Happy" Jyl Duffy

GIVING BACK TO GOD: Chuck Kestle

DOXOLOGY: (standing) #94 <u>UM Hymnal</u> "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Hymn #23

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: (standing) #224 UM Hymnal "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

BENEDICTION (standing) (all read together)

As we head into the final days before Christmas, may we leave this place secure in the knowledge that God's promises will be fulfilled. December 25 is just three days away, but the gift that God gives us will not wear out or fade away.

**POSTLUDE:** Fred Crase