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**Worship**  
**December 28, 2025**

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## Prelude

## Carol Sing-Along

## Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Hymn

## First Noel

## Responsive Reading

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
**ALL: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

## Prayer of Confession

Holy and Merciful God, You are the Keeper of our lives, the one who neither slumbers nor sleeps. You see the misery of the world, and you hear the cry of the suffering. You call us by name to be agents of your healing and instruments of your peace, yet we confess that we turn away in fear. Like Moses, we make excuses for our silence; we plead our own inadequacy and beg you to send someone else. We confess that we trust more in our own limitations than in your limitless presence. We lift our eyes to the hills and tremble, forgetting that our help comes from you, the Maker of heaven and earth. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for seeking the safety of the shadows when you have called us to boldly serve others. By your grace, steady our feet and embolden our hearts. Remind us that you do not send us where you will not also go. Reclaim us for your purpose, that we may follow where you lead, trusting in the promise that you are with us always.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*  
*In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Response

## #961 Glory be to the Father

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, Amen.

## Passing the Peace

## Welcoming New Members

## Hymn

## It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

## Scripture Reading

## Exodus 3:7-12

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

## “Who, me?!”

## Musical Reflection

## Goodness of God

## Doxology

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Hymn #93

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

## Postlude

## Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

(Composer: Christopher Uehlein)