

Yes! Let It Be

First Sunday after Christmas; December 31, 2017

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jan Rheinheimer

Opening Prayer

GATHERING HYMN

Pam Eiten, Songleader
Purple #30

Arise, your light is come!

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes!

We will give thanks and rejoice!

**All: We will praise the Lord from the heavens,
from the heights, and with the angels!**

Leader: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon!
We praise the Creator of the shining stars!

**All: Fire and hail! Snow and frost!
Mountains and hills! Fruit trees and cedars!**

Leader: Young men and women alike!
Children and the aged ones too!
Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Yes! Let all things be new.

GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Isaiah 61:10-11, 62:2 (p. 604)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAISE IN SONG

Gloria, gloria, gloria

Purple #23

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

Purple #32

OFFERING

from *Amahl and the Night Visitors (Menotti)*

Jill Burlingame Tsekouras, Karin Redekopp Edwards

A HUMAN WORD: Royko, Mary and Joe

Blest are they

Green #94

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

from *Amahl and the Night Visitors (Menotti)*

Jill Burlingame Tsekouras, Karin Redekopp Edwards

GOD'S WORD: Luke 2:22-32 (p. 833)

A HUMAN WORD: The Little Violinist

Love came down

Evan Richards
Blue #208

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Announcements

GOD'S WORD: Psalm 111:6-10 (p. 490)

SENDING

Joy to the world

Benediction

Blue #318

Announcements

- Next Sunday, we will celebrate **Communion Sunday**. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether we are being called to reconciliation in a relationship where there has been brokenness (Matthew 5:23-24).
- Tonight is **Watch Night** in many African-American communities. At midnight on January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.
- A big **thank you** to all who helped plan and run our Christmas Eve Service and fellowship time!