

## WORSHIP SERVICE

December 27, 2014

Welcome		David Moll
Preparation	"Puer Nobis Nascitur" (France) "The First Noel" (England) "Mercy Came Running" "De Tierra Lejana Venimos" (Puerto Rico) "O Holy Night" (France) "Silent Night" (Germany)	<i>Nicolas Le Begue</i>  <i>Dean, Clark &amp; Koch</i> <i>Alfred Fedak</i> <i>Adolphe Adam</i> <i>Alfred Fedak</i>
Call to Worship * Hymn of Praise Prayer	Psalm 98:4-9 "Joy to the World"	Kristopher Mercy No. 125 Matthew Mwemba
Offering Offertory	Michigan Advance Partners "O Come, Little Children" (Germany)	Hannah Kohtz <i>Dale Wood</i>
Scripture "Shobi Shares a Miracle"	Luke 2:1-20	Kristopher Mercy
Sermonette * Hymn of Response	"He Came Out of Love" "Amazing Grace"	Gerri Kohtz No. 108
Blessing Postlude	"From Heaven Above I Come to Earth"	Aiden Khalil <i>Garth Edmundson</i>

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## PREPARATION, OFFERTORY AND POSTLUDE HYMNS

### AS IT FELL UPON A NIGHT (#129)

As it fell upon a night in the winter weather,  
Angels bright in starry height began to sing together.

### THE FIRST NOEL (#118)

The first noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Born is the Kind of Israel.

### MERCY CAME RUNNING

Once there was a holy place, evidence of God's embrace.  
I can almost see mercy's face pressed against the veil.  
Looking down with longing eyes, mercy must have realized—  
That once His blood was sacrificed, freedom would prevail.  
And as the sky grew dark and the earth began to shake, with justice no longer in the way,  
*Refrain: Mercy came a-runnin' like a pris'ner set free, past all my failures to the point of my need.  
When the sin that I carried was all I could see, and when I could not reach mercy,  
Mercy came a runnin' to me.*

Once there was a broken heart, way too human from the start.  
All the years left it torn apart, hopeless and afraid.  
Walls I never meant to build left this pris'ner unfulfilled.  
Freedom called, but even still, it seemed so far away.  
I was bound by the chains from the wages of my sin, and just when I felt like giving in,  
*Refrain*

Sometimes I still feel so far, so far from where I really should be.  
He gently calls to my heart just to remind me--  
*Refrain*

### DE TIERRA LEJANA VENIMOS

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking, using as our guide the star, so brightly beaming.  
Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning, heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining.

### O HOLY NIGHT

O holy night, the stars were brightly shining, it was the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born.

### SILENT NIGHT (# 143)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and Child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

### O COME ALL YE CHILDREN

O come, all ye children, o come, one and all, to Bethlehem haste to the manger so small,  
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night to be your Redeemer, your joy and delight.

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### FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing:  
"Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto to us the Christ has given"

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

### AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

### ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY (Hymn No. 149)

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (Hymn No. 135)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

### INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY (Hymn No.127)

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all;  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.

### LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING (Hymn No. 131)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came a flower-et bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

### GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (Hymn No.121)

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere:  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain*