

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmas Sunday

December 30, 2018

GATHERING AT GOD'S INVITATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Marietta Mobley *piano*

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Alan Sherouse

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

In Dulci Jubilo

†RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Vancil

Good Christian friends, rejoice!

Today your Lord comes in love and power,
in grace and truth, offering hope and peace.

Christ is born for this! Alleluia!

This promised one, mighty, though small,
is our hope, our strength, and our life.

Christ is born to save! Alleluia!

In hope, let us worship God. Alleluia! Amen.

†CAROL 157

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Rev. Darnysha Nard

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

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An Open Hand

Luke 2.41-52

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IRBY

Once In Royal David's City

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Placido Domingo, Jr.

The Gift of Love

Robert Jessen tenor

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

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THE FIRST NOEL

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