



The Words of Gratitude incorporating Psalm 96

Leader 1: With joy we praise You, gracious God, for You have created heaven and earth, made us in Your image, and kept covenant with us - even when we fell into sin.

Leader 2: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came among us as the Word made flesh to show us Your glory, full of grace and truth.**

Leader 3: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the people.

Leader 1: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of Your name and tell the good news of the Savior's birth.

**People: Say among the nations, "The Lord is King! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the people with equity."**

Leader 2: Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it.

Leader 3: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for He is coming, He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

\*The Carol *Joy to the World* Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason,  
based on G.F. Handel, ANTIOCH

The Christmas Proclamation (spoken together)

**When all things in silence lay and the night was in the midst of her course,  
Your Word leaped down from Your royal throne, O God. So we rejoice and give  
You praise, that Your Word may live in us and that we may glorify You forever.**

The Carol *Go Tell It* Spiritual, arr. Larson

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude *Carol of the Bells* Ukrainian carol, arr. Arnold B. Sherman

\*all who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching - Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists - Mary Cook, Kathy Geurink, Pastor Melanie Kilgore, Pastor Jeff Watson; Bells of Joy; Chancel Choir; Signing - Sara Zwart; Soloist - Susie Jolink; Piano - Teresa Kinnear; Violin - Marilyn Brannen; Viola - Mal Brannen; Cello - Carrie Brannen; Saxophone - Jeffrey Allardyce; Organ - Patty Pratt

Baskets will be located in the narthex to receive your Christmas Eve offerings.

# ***Merry Christmas!***