First Sunday After Christmas
Sunday, December 26, 2021

Centering Thought

“The moment we choose to love, we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others. That action is the testimony of love as the practice of freedom.”

bell hooks
Go, tell it on the mountain  
O come, All Ye Faithful  
O little town of Bethlehem - Jerry Ray  
Jonah Walters, piano

One: We may be thirsty and parched,  
like a babe who yearns for nourishing milk,  
so we come into God’s presence:  
Many: All may drink deeply and delight ourselves!

One: We may be weary from worry and work  
so we come into God’s presence:  
Many: The Holy One of Old offers us Sabbath rest!

One: We may be lost or confused  
so we come into God’s presence:  
Many: She Who Is Wisdom offers us welcome and guidance!

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain  
so we come into God’s presence:  
Many: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
NCH 144  
[Humming only, please, in this time of high Covid numbers.]

OPENING HYMN  Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
NCH 144

OPENING PRAYER

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Psalm 103.1-17; 1 Peter 1.22-23  
Dee Casanova

“Persistent Love”  
Rev. Rachel J. Bahr

Pastoral Prayer  
Jesus’ Prayer

CALL FOR OFFERING  
Prayer of Dedication

Love Came Down at Christmas

BENEDICTION

No. 1 Opening  
Philip Glass  
Jonah Walters, piano

Postlude  
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Philip Glass  
Jonah Walters, piano