

CHRISTMAS EVE 2017

9:00 P.M.

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING

PRELUDE – “*In Dulci Jubilo*”

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP <Sourcebook of Worship Resources>

Was there ever such a night, when stars shone bright,

***When angels formed a heavenly chorus, and
shepherds quaked?***

Was there ever such a birth,

When a baby’s cry meant God is now here?

Was there ever such a moment like now,

***When we let the majesty and simplicity of the
story touch our hearts,***

When we draw closer to the family and God,

***When we sing with deep feeling and overflowing
joy?***

Oh, this is the night!

***And the story is still told, the carols still sung,
and something new happens again and again.***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Heather and Virginia Draycott, Cindy Fiscus

RESPONSE - “*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*” blue hymnal No. 134

*CAROL - “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” blue hymnal No. 148

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION <Sourcebook of Worship Resources>

***Holy God, take us into that night long ago, and in
our imaginations, let us marvel at the holy child,
worship on bended knee and sing with the angels.***

***Let us behold the tender care of Mary and the
watchful care of Joseph. Let us be blessed by the
gaze of the Christ child. Loving God, when we leave***

***this place, may we leave like the shepherds,
singing and praising God, for Christ is born
again and again, born to set us free, born
to give us hope, born to change the world.
Let it happen again. Amen.***

*GLORIA PATRI blue hymnal No. 35

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 11:1-9 Bible p. 558

ANTHEM – “*Ding Dong, Merrily on High*” arr. Barthelson

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL - Luke 2:1-20 Bible p. 832

SERMON - ***Was There Ever Such A Night?***
Rev. Terry Martinson

CAROL “*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*” blue hymnal No.160

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “*Carols Around*” Nygard

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

For safety, please tilt candle forward toward the lit candle.

Please extinguish candle as the carol ends.

CAROL - “*Silent Night, Holy Night*” blue hymnal No. 145

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “*Sleeps Judea Fair*” MacKinnon

POSTLUDE - “*In Dulci Jubilo*” Bach