



January 3, 2021. 2nd Sunday of Christmas. Narrative Lectionary week 17 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Call to Worship

Psalm 2:1-8

All: Why do the nations rant? Why do the peoples rave uselessly?

The earth's rulers take their stand; the leaders scheme together against the LORD and against his anointed one. "Come!" they say. "We will tear off their ropes and throw off their chains!" The one who rules in heaven laughs; my Lord makes fun of them. But then God speaks to them angrily; then he terrifies them with his fury: "I hereby appoint my king on Zion, my holy mountain!" I will announce the LORD's decision: He said to me, "You are my son, today I have become your father. Just ask me, and I will make the nations your possession; the far corners of the earth will be your property.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord of Christmas Hope, we confess to you our despair. When we lack your hope we cling to idols that have only empty promises. Lord of Christmas Peace, we confess to you our anxiety. Help us to still our hearts and minds in the midst of natural fears. Lord of Christmas Joy, we confess to you our sorrow. Remind us of the beauty of life and your creation. Lord of Christmas Love, we confess to you our apathy. Inspire us to move forward with you as our guide along the way. We ask these things in the name of The Lord of Christmas, the incarnate Christ, the Word of God made flesh.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn #256 "We Would See Jesus" vs. 1-3

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Musical Offering Michael Becker

"It is Well With My Soul"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Luke 2:41-52(CEB)

Susan Lorenzen

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he said to them.

Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

Sermon, *Child Jesus in the Temple* by Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn # 224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Blessing

Hymn #222 "Child So Lovely"

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Jan. 10	John Baptizes Jesus	Luke 3:1—22
Jan. 17	Sermon in Nazareth	Luke 4:14-30
Jan. 24	Jesus Fishes for People	Luke 5:1-11
Jan. 31	Lord of the Sabbath	Luke 6:1-16

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 2:49

He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Genesis 17:19-24	Sign of the Covenant
Tuesday	Exodus 13:1-2	Consecration of Firstborn
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:3-6	God Will Grant Peace
Thursday	Leviticus 26:7-13	The Covenant Revealed
Friday	Malachi 4:4-6	Advice for the Coming of the Lord
Saturday	Isaiah 62:10-12	Build up a Highway

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** Jesus stayed behind to learn from the teachers at the temple. What is one thing you learned today, on any subject?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week’s Story:** John the Baptist tells the people to turn around and live God’s way. What is one good or helpful thing you did today? What is one thing you should have done, but did not (or did, but should not have done)?