

# *Wednesday Advent Worship*

## *The Orb Chrismon*

December 20, 2023

### **PRELUDE**

*“Christmas Montage”*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joy to the world,  
**The Lord is come!**  
Sing it. Say it. Tell the world.  
**Go, tell it everywhere, that Jesus Christ, our Savior, is born!**  
Sing it. Say it. Spread the news!  
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**  
So, come and worship.  
**Worship Christ, our Savior and newborn King.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Joy to the World”*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

“One Solitary Life”

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### **MEDITATION**

“The Orb Chrismon”

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

### **THE CHRISTMAS CROSS**

Coming forward to receive a cross  
with your special words.

### **AFFIRMATION FOR THE CROSS**

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

### **HYMN OF THE ORB CHRISMON**

*He Has the Whole World in His Hands”*

*He has the Shepherds in His hands  
He has the Shepherds in His hands  
He has the Shepherds in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands*

*He has the animals in His hands  
He has the animals in His hands  
He has the animals in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands*

*He has Mary and Joseph in His hands  
He has Mary and Joseph in His hands  
He has Mary and Joseph in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands*

*(over)*

*He has Baby Jesus in His hands  
He has Baby Jesus in His hands  
He has Baby Jesus in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands*

*He has you and me disciples in His hands  
He has you and me disciples in His hands  
He has you and me disciples in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands*

*He has the whole world in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands  
He has the whole world in His hands*

**BENEDICTION**

We have gathered in the name of the one who came to the earth to be the greatest gift of all. As we leave this sanctuary may we take with us His gift of salvation. Amen.

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*Margaret Cox,  
Pianist*

**Our Christmas Eve Services**  
**10:30am Contemporary Christmas Worship in the Parlor**  
**4:00pm Traditional Communion Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary.**

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