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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**December 29, 2013**

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\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

**Ring the Bell**

**\*Greeting One Another**

**Centering Music**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Sentences** (Jeremiah 31:33, Psalm 130:6, 2 Corinthians 4:7)

**Cong'l Response: Show us your light!**

**\*Gathering Song** (insert) "Once in Royal David's City"

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**Silent Reflection**

**Readings from the Bible**

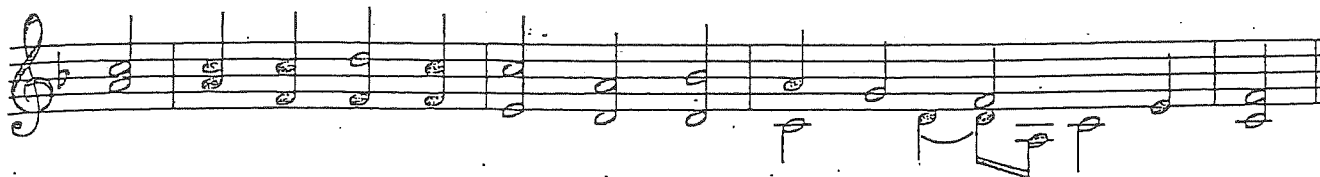
Psalm 124 (p. 703 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 2-3 in the NT of your pew Bible)

## Sung Response

"Lo, How a Rose"

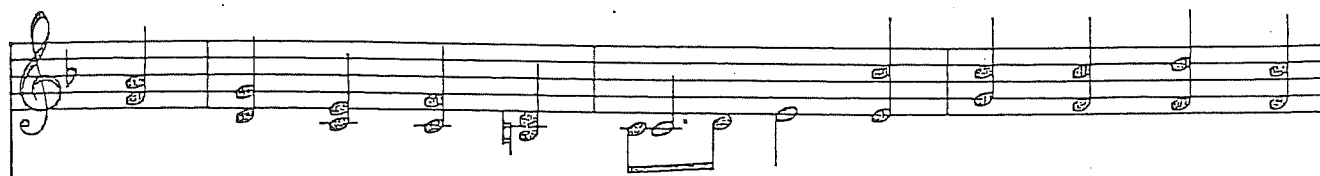
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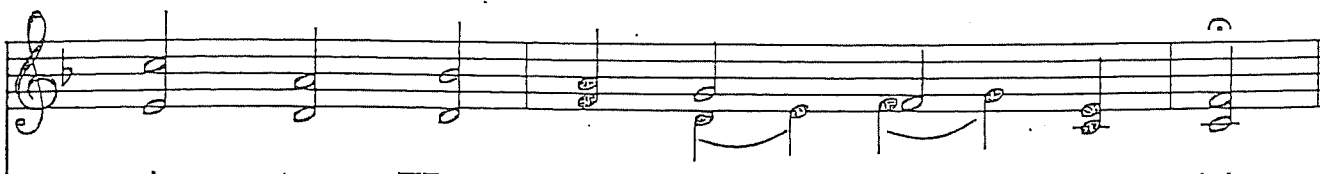
1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore-told it, The Rose I have in mind,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As men of old have sung.  
With Mar-y we be-hold it, The Vir-gin Moth-er kind.



It came, a flower-et bright, A-mid the cold of  
To show God's love a-right, She bore to men a



win-ter, When half spent was the night.  
Sav-ior, When half spent was the night.

## Children's Message

### Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.*

### Pastoral Prayer

*The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with "The Lord's Prayer."*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **Offering of Gifts**

**"Celtic Christmas Lullaby"**

**Joel Raney**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**As three wise men presented their offerings to the infant in Bethlehem, we present these gifts before you, O God. May they be used to extend your liberating reign on earth in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. Amen.**

## **\*Song (insert)**

**"On This Day"**

**PERSONENT HODIE**

## **Sermon**

**"The Tragedy of Christmas"**

**Rev. Jonathan Page**

## **\*Closing Song NCH #128**

**"In the Bleak Midwinter"**

**CRANHAM**

## **\*Sending Blessing**

## **Sending Music**

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Liturgist: Jim Peake

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

### **Today's Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:**

Deacon in Charge: Tom Meyer  
Property Supervisor: Ken Birt  
Ushers: Kim Spangler, Allen Trenkle, Linda Shenk  
Greeters: Connie Dunham, Jerry Chase  
Coffee Fellowship: Marjorie & John Uitermarkt, Judy Blair  
Welcome Table: Christa Andersen & Terry Potter

### **Next Week January 5:**

No Sunday School or Learning Center  
10:45 a.m. - "Your Gift to Me" Rev. Jonathan Page  
Texts: I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Psalm 98

### **Farewell after Church**

This will be Jon's last day preaching at UCC Ames. Come enjoy food and fellowship with Jon and sing some of UCC's congregational hymns. A Soup-Salad-Bread lunch will follow worship [see the sign-up in the Parlor or email Diane Birt ([dbirt.ames@gmail.com](mailto:dbirt.ames@gmail.com))].

**Welcome!** We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

**In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ,** we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

**Nursery Care:** We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.