



**Simeon & Anna
See Jesus**

Court Street United Methodist Church
215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103
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10 A.M. Worship Service
December 27, 2020
1st Sunday after Christmas

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: **Glory to God in the highest! Praise God, all the angels; praise God, all the heavenly host!**

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

People: **Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind — Let them praise the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: **Young men and women alike, old and young together; We will praise the Lord!**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: **And on earth peace, good will to all! God is with us. Christ is born. Alleluia!**

— Based on Psalm 148

Opening Hymn UMH #219

“What Child Is This”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hymn UMH #657

“This Is The Day”

Children's Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs. 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Don't Forget The Best!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

"Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head"

Performed by Randiann King

Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #252

"Once in Royal David's City"

Benediction

Make us remember, O God, that every day is your gift, to be used according to your command.

— Samuel Johnson (1709-1784), English writer, lexicographer.

Postlude



- The Church will be closed Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.
- The Church will also be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.