



wednesday, december 30, 2015-7:00 pm
the open door ~ contemporary worship

...in a religion born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying

welcome & announcements

opening song & prayer "hallelujah Christmas" chris martirano
[music: cloverton's adaptation of "hallelujah" by leonard cohen]

song "open the eyes of my heart, LORD"

prayers of the people

song "10,000 reasons, bless the LORD"

luke 2:41-52 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%202:41-52>

⁴¹⁻⁴⁵ Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt. His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰ He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?"
But they had no idea what he was talking about.

⁵¹⁻⁵² So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

children's message

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colossians 3:12-17 [msg]

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+colossians3%3A12-17+&version=MSG>

¹²⁻¹⁴ So, chosen by God for this new life of love,
dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you:
compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline.
Be even-tempered, content with second place,
quick to forgive an offense.
Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you.
And regardless of what else you put on, wear love.
It's your basic, all-purpose garment.
Never be without it.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other,
in step with each other.
None of this going off and doing your own thing.
And cultivate thankfulness.
Let the Word of Christ—the Message—
have the run of the house.
Give it plenty of room in your lives.
Instruct and direct one another using good common sense.
And sing, sing your hearts out to God!
Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—
be done in the name of the Master, Jesus,
thanking God the Father every step of the way.

reflecting on God's message

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presentation of the offerings

song "mighty to save" by hillsong

song "all about You"

dance party with Jesus "everybody praise the LORD"

benediction & passing the peace