

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SABBATH
1st Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

10:00 am

"Wow! Jesus got his mom and dad mad, too...That's great!"
A middle-schooler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION

One: Did you get what you wanted for Christmas?

All: Yes! Yes! Yes!

One: Like what?

All: A video game, a basketball, an iPhone!

One: Anything else?

All: A shirt and a sweater and fancy socks.

One: Were there any other gifts?

All: mmm...A high five from my cousin and a bear hug from my grandma.

One: What made your Christmas so wonderful?

All: Love, love, love!

* **GATHERING SONG** insert

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(14th Century German Melody)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Denny Moon

SCRIPTURE

One: As we hear the words of scripture,

All: Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Luke 2:41-52

One: The grass withers and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of God shall stand forever.

SUNG RESPONSE (refrain)

Gloria, In Excelsis Deo
(French Carol)

A Scripture Conversation

Rev. Denny Moon

* **SHARED SONG** see back page

Go Tell It on the Mountain
(Negro Spiritual)

* **BENEDICTION**

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God,
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas My true love sent to me:

A partridge in a pear tree (January)

Two turtle doves and (February)

Three French hens (March)

Four calling birds (April)

Five golden rings (May)

Six geese a-laying (June)

Seven swans a-swimming (July)

Eight maids a-milking (August)

Nine ladies dancing (September)

Ten lords a-leaping (October)

Eleven pipers piping (November)

Twelve drummers drumming (December)

* All who are able, please stand.

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Negro Spiritual

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN *Irregular*
Negro Melody

REFRAIN

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - ery-where;

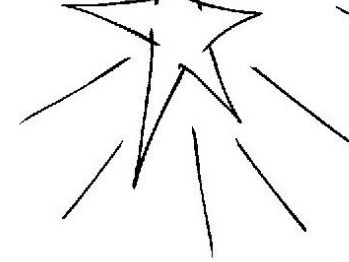
Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth Rang
3 Down in a low - ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born, And

hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

YOUTH

Those who dream change
everything!



First Congregational Church and South Congregational Church

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*German and Latin, 14th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1855; ed.*

Descant

3 Good Chris - tian friends, re-joyce with heart and soul and voice;

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;

now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

now give heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
now you know of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er -

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, a - sleep with - in the
God has o - pened heav - en's door, and you are blessed for -
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er -

This carol is very old. Heinrich Suso, a German mystic who died in 1366, related a vision in which angels, singing this carol, drew him into a dance. The words were originally macaronic, combining Latin phrases with the vernacular.

Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5.
*German melody, 14th century
Harm. adapt. from John Stainer, 1871
Descant, H. A. Chambers, 1931*