#### Gathering

Light Procession: VT 238 Wisdom from on High is Dawning

Call to Worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 208 With Mary Sing Magnificat

Peace Lamp

L: Let justice roll down like a river

P: And goodness like an ever flowing stream.

### **Opening Ourselves**

VT 143 Come Now, O God

**Prayer of Confession** 

Leader: God of shadows and light,

our thoughts are not your thoughts.

Our ways are not your ways.

All: Hear our confession.

Heal our hearts.

Forgive our sins.

L: In Jesus you reveal your love,

A: that we might love more fully and know how deeply we are loved.

(silence)

L: In the light of the Christ child, in the shadow of the Most High, we make our confession and receive your forgiveness.

A: Amen.

Dance: Hail Mary, Sing and Dance (refrain on back)

Offering VT 196 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*Offertory Prayer

L: Holy One, Emmanuel:

as you have given yourself to us

through the coming of the Christ child,

we also give ourselves to you.

A: Receive these offerings,

given in hope,

that they may be part of your life

in this world.

Amen

### **Telling God's Story**

Children's time Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, following that there is child care available.

Scripture Ruth 1:1-18

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

# **Sharing our Stories**

Hymn VT 527 *Bless the Arms That Comfort* Sermon response/Sharing from our lives Pastoral Prayer

# Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.

Sunday school teachers are dismissed before the final hymn

Hymn VT 209 We Dream of a Turning

Benediction

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

Hail! Mary, sing and dance

Capo 2, play D Em A D A/C# Bm A D G D

Refrain B E B/D# C#m B A E G#m G#m/A B

Hail! Ma-ry, sing and dance; shout! Ma-ry, sing and dance;

repeat final time Em A D A/C# Bm A D G D

F#m B E B/D# C#m B E A E

God's peo-ple shall not mourn when Je-sus Christ is born.

**Second hour:** Advent Spiral in MP space (self guided), Holden Evening Prayer in worship space

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