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Sinny with a Chance of Snow

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Today's Lay Reader: David Wade

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We come, ready to be made as clean, our sins to become like snow.**

Leader: God spoke to the people of Judah through Isaiah, inviting them to get their lives back on track.

People: **These words are for us too. All these years later, we still read these words, learning what we should stop doing, and what we should start doing!**

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1., 2., 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
 voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss: News, news!
 voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!

Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and ass be -
 Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened
 Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 heav - en's door, and ye are blest for - ev - er - more.
 calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, wash us and make us clean. Reveal the sins we have hidden, and give us hearts that turn away from evil toward good. Thank you for your gracious invitation to come before you. Thank you for offering to turn our sinful lives into forgiven lives! Thank you that even though we sin, we have a chance at redemption. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Unison

1. In-fant ho - ly, in-fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle
 2. Flocks were sleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing

stall; ox-en low-ing, lit-tle know-ing, Christ the babe is Lord of
 new saw the glo-ry, heard the sto-ry, tid-ings of a gos-pel

all. Swift are wing-ing an-gels sing-ing, no-els ring-ing, tid-ings
 true. Thus re-joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the

Interlude, Ending

bring-ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 mor-row: Christ the babe was born for you.

Special Music

Christmas Isn't Christmas
Ernie Roberts

John and Carol Owens

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 1:16-18

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;
learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Sinny with a Chance of Snow

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

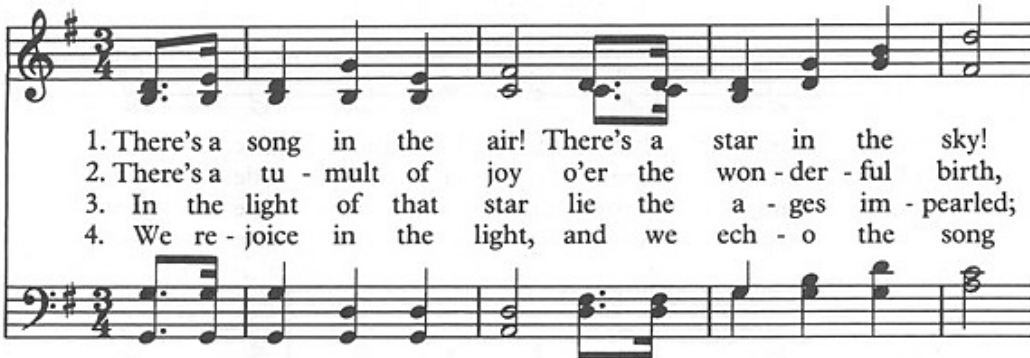
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.



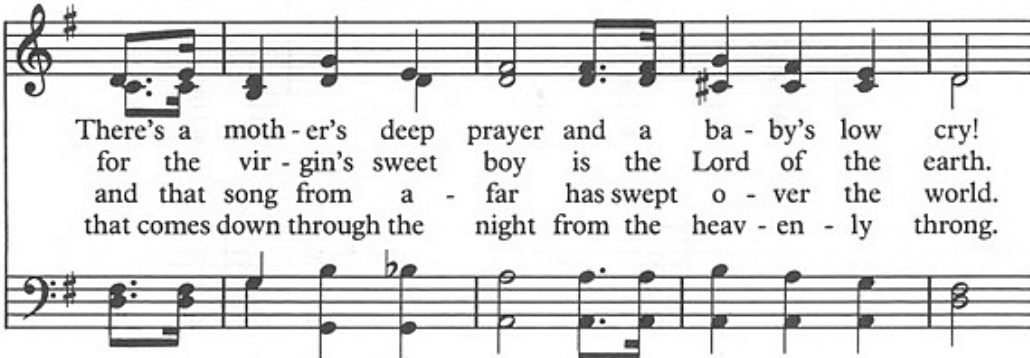
Hymn

There's a Song in the Air

(verses 1, 2, and 4)



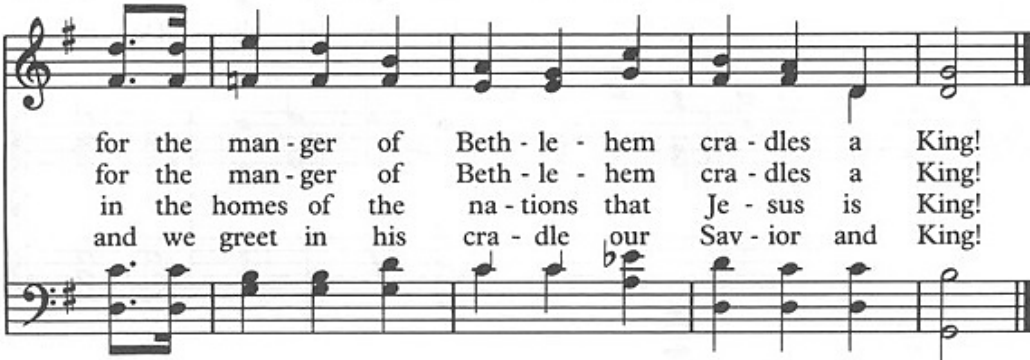
1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
 2. There's a tu - mult of joy o'er the won - der - ful birth,
 3. In the light of that star lie the a - ges im - pearled;
 4. We re - joice in the light, and we ech - o the song



There's a moth - er's deep prayer and a ba - by's low cry!
 for the vir - gin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
 and that song from a - far has swept o - ver the world.
 that comes down through the night from the heav - en - ly throng.



And the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ay! the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ev - ery hearth is a - flame, and the beau - ti - ful sing
 Ay! we shout to the love - ly e - van - gel they bring,



for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 in the homes of the na - tions that Je - sus is King!
 and we greet in his cra - dle our Sav - ior and King!

Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World

Don Hustad