



**December 23, 2020**

**Noon**

**Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ**

**Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of  
Christmas**

**Light of the World, Word of God, and Lord**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, in the beginning you called light from darkness, and you have made your light shine in our hearts displaying your glory in the person of Jesus Christ. In his light, may our spirits see light in this time together, that we may not only honor you as we celebrate the coming of your light but also serve you as carry your light, in the power of your Spirit, to a world in darkness. Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading            John 1: 1-5, 9-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## **Meditation**

## Closing Prayer

**Dear Jesus, we acclaim you with many titles and names, but they all point us to your presence, power, and love. May we shine with your light not only at Christmas but at all times, in all our words and deeds. As you took on human flesh in a unique and decisive way so long ago, may you, in smaller but significant ways, take it on again in our flesh, that the world may see and give glory to God in heaven and ours. Amen.**

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The prayers for this service are from Adam Hamilton's study guide for his book, *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.

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