

## December 28,29

“Beholding the Incarnate Christ”

John 1

Message by Rob Bashioum

Worship led by Laura Scharer

Music:

O The Deep Deep Love	Love Came Down	We Are Hungry
Oh Lord You're Beautiful	Christ Be All Around Me	

Sermon:

There will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

Isaiah 9

With the incarnation came the revelation of His glory.

*Behold*—to experience, perceive, see and understand.

*Behold—Believe—Behave*

John 1

Allow Christ to expand your senses to behold Him.

Have we fallen in love with intellect—with “knowing about” God, instead of knowing God?

We are, first and foremost: loving, desiring, affective, liturgical animals who, for the most part, don't inhabit the world as thinkers or cognitive machines.... We pray before we believe, we worship before we know—we worship in order to know.

James K.A. Smith

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him.

Psalm 34

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.

Psalm 19

Carry Christ with you, wherever you step.

This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

Colossians 2:26-27

*Do the rhythms of our lives carry the weight of the riches and glory of Christ?*

*What the world so desperately needs are incarnational servants of Christ to wade into the muck and stench of this world and to partner with the locals, as broken as we all are, in helping to shape human society as God intended it to be.*

*Michael Frost*