

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

December 9, 2018

* Worship Songs

"Joy to the World"

"Love the Lord"

"This Glorious Grace"

Advent, Offering & Tithe

Offering Song

"Light of the World"

Joys & Prayers

Scripture

Matthew 1:21-23 (ESV)

Message

"God With Us: Near or With"

Jack D. Cohen

*Prayer Time

"Hosanna/O Come Let Us Adore"

*Closing



Behold
a virgin will be
with child & bear a son,
& she will call
His name
Immanuel

GOD WITH US

NEAR OR WITH

✓ **There is a big difference between being _____ & being _____**

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”
– Matthew 1:21-23

- **God wanted to be _____ us, so He gave his son _____ us, then He could be _____ us**

ARE YOU WITH ME?

✓ _____: **We may _____ God on the mountaintops, but we get to _____ him _____ in the valleys**

✓ _____: **Though we wander through the barren, dry places of our wilderness, we truly can _____ God there**

✓ _____: **Never let the _____ of a storm cause you to _____ the presence of God**

TRUTHS OF TRANSFORMATION

✓ **He shall _____ us**

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
– Matthew 1:21

- **God forgives us _____**
- **God forgives us _____**
- **God forgives us _____**

✓ **He is _____ us**

““Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”(which means, God with us).”
– Matthew 1:23

✓ **He is _____ us**

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be^[i] against us?... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”
– Romans 8:31, 35, 37