

**- Order of Service -**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcoming Prayer**

**Reading John 1:1-18**

- 235, Joyful, Joyful
- Be Exalted O God
- 243, All things bright and beautiful
- 241, I sing the mighty power of God

**Announcements and Prayer requests  
Greeting**

**Message in the Word -**

**The Eternal Son took on a Human Nature & Flesh**

**The Holy Spirit uses heresies to clarify truth**

**John 1:1-18**

**Sending prayer**

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**Next Sunday - Communion and Pot-Luck**

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**You may notice we don't pass an offering plate**

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -**

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**- Teaching -**

**Eric Peterman**

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**John 1:1-18**

**- June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 -**

## **The Eternal Son took on a Human Nature & Flesh**

### **The Holy Spirit uses heresies to clarify truth**

#### **John 1:1-18**

*Who, and What is Jesus Christ, the Son of God? In matters of faith, as in matters of science and law, definitions matter! When we say that the Son of God took on flesh, what do we mean by that? If someone says, "Jesus existed forever", are they correct? The words we use are powerful to reflect reality, or to destroy or diminish our perception of it.*

John 1:1-18

- v1-2, The eternal preexistence of the Word, the Logos (John later connects the Word with the Son of God).
- v3, The creation of the universe and the world through Him
- v4-5, The Word is life – eternal life, and Light, spiritual and moral illumination and revelation.
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- v6-8, John the Baptist is the fore-runner of the Word become flesh, the promised announcer of the Word, the One who took on flesh in time for our sake.
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- v9-13, The incarnate Word comes into the world that He created before He was incarnate, and the people in that world are split into those that reject Him for what He is, and those that receive Him.
- V14-18 restate the above truths and explicitly bring in the human nature, the flesh (body and spirit) – full humanity of the Word taking on a human nature, and that Person dwelling fully among us.

John the Baptist prophesied about the nature of this man walking among us, that there was in him both an eternal divine nature that was the cause of all that exists, and a human nature, a man.

Vv17-18, the fullness of God's grace are seen in the Word incarnate.

Is it correct to say that Jesus always existed? Was Jesus present in the burning bush with Moses? **Matt 1:18-25**

What is the right way of saying it?