

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 15, 2019

8:15 & 10:45

As this is a service of worship, we respectfully ask that you hold all applause until after the Postlude

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella
Do You Hear What I Hear?

arr. Aaron Weitekamp
N. Regney & G. Shayne/arr. Matt Riley

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

People, Look East

arr. Howard Helvey

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today: "Love, the Guest, is on the way."

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Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength, the seed to nourish; that in course, the flow'r may flourish.
People, look East and sing today: "Love, the Rose, is on the way."

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the next that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen, He for fledging time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing today: "Love, the Bird, is on the way."

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim;
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today: "Love, the Star, is on the way."

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the Word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today: "Love, the Lord, is on the way." "Love, the Lord, is on the way."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us rejoice at the coming of the Lord.

People: Let us rejoice with joy and singing.

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us.

People: And holy is the Name of the Lord.

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Dan Goeller

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Choral Response

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:15 – Duane & Sue Stucky

10:45 – Sam Indorante Family (Sam, Carolyn, Katie & Guy)

READING

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 (Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah)

CAROL

Prophets of Old

Randy Vader/arr. Jay Rouse

Prophets of old through Him foretold: Come, now prepare the way.
O'er mountains grand through desert sand, Come, let us not delay.

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Look for a Child, one meek and mild: God's glory on display.
The Prince of Peace, whose reign won't cease, comes for our sins to pay.

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
Glory to God in the highest and peace on the earth, good will toward men.

Myst'ry divine of Jesse's line, Heaven has heard our pleas.
On bed of straw, come one and all, before Him fall on your knees.

READING

Luke 1: 26-35, 38 (The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary)

INSTRUMENTAL

Ave Maria
Eric Mandat, clarinet

Franz Schubert/arr. Dan Goeller

READING

Micah 5: 2-4 (The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem)

CAROL

The Light Has Come

Lee & Susan Dengler

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall.
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, carols singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all! Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Far beneath the starry skies, see the baby Jesus lies.
Gift of love, this holy Boy, sent to fill the world with joy.
In a manger, see Him sleeping. Joseph, Mary, watch are keeping;
born to be the world's true light on this shining, holy night.

READING

Luke 2, 1-7 (Luke tells of the birth of Jesus)

CAROL

Peace, Peace
Catherine Mitchell, soloist

Rick & Sylvia Powell/arr. F. Bock
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Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love. Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild; Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

READING

Luke 2: 8-14 (The angels appear to the shepherds)

CAROL

Shepherd Carols

arr. Joseph Martin

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

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"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of humankind, to all of humankind."

While by my sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say in Bethlehem a Child today.
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! How great our joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
"All glory be to God on high and to the world be peace. Good will henceforth from heav'n to earth
begin and never cease, begin and never cease." All glory be to God!

***HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High & Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Dan Goeller

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

READING

Matthew 2: 1-12 (The visit of the Wise Men)

OFFERTORY*We Three Kings*
Michael Barta, violin

J. Hopkins/arr. Matt Riley

CAROL*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*

arr. Joel Raney

Jesus, Jesus, O, what a wonderful Child. Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.
New life, new hope, new joy he brings, won't you listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory" to the newborn King!

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He was herald by the angels; born in a lowly manger. The virgin Mary was his mother and Joseph was his earthly father.
Three wise men came from afar; they were guided by a shining star to see King Jesus where he lay in a manger filled with hay.

Jesus, my Jesus, O what a wonderful Child. Jesus, O, my Jesus, the babe so lowly, meek and mild.
New life, new hope, new joy he brings, won't you listen to the angels sing; they're singing,
"Glory, glory, glory" to the newborn King.

Amen. See the little baby lying in a manger. Amen. What did they call him? Amen. They named him King Jesus. Amen.
Jesus, O Jesus, my Lord! What a wonderful Child. Jesus, holy Jesus, the babe so lowly meek and mild.
New life, new hope, new joy he brings, won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory, glory, glory" to the newborn King!
Glory to the newborn King! Jesus, what a wonderful Child!

READING

Psalm 98: 4-7; Psalm 150: 1-5 (Let every instrument be tuned for praise!)

CAROL*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

F. P. Green/arr. M. McDonald

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried; Alleluia!

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How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia.

So has the church in spoken word and song, in faith and love through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue, Alleluia.

Praise him with the trumpet; praise him with cymbal; praise him with singing; let all with breath praise God!
Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always, Alleluia! Amen!

HYMNJoy to the World! & O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Dan. Goeller

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain.

***BENEDICTION**

Choral Response

POSTLUDE*The Sound of Christmas*

David Clydesdale

The Rev. Dr. Howard L. White, Pastor; Yiwen Bi, Associate Pastor
Liturgist: Paul McRoy
* Stand as you are able.

Organist: Anita Hutton
Director of Music: Dr. Robert L. Weiss, Jr.

Orchestra**Violin**

Michael Barta
Frank Lakatos
Gabriela Benyas
Cuty Jung
May Rhee
Haley Huntley

Sophia Han
Paula Melton
Ken Wollberg
Laurel Swenson-Hultz
Anneke Metz
Dia Parr

Viola

Rachael Szwec
Jonathan Henson
Sarah Kornstein
Stephanie Wooley

Eunice Koh
Maya Benyas
Emily Gallagher
Ginivra Herr

Double Bass
Philip Brown

Flute

Tammy Kirk
Ruben Rios

Clarinet
Eric Mandat
Dannyel Norrington

Bassoon
Nina Morwell

Trumpet

Robert Allison
Brian Wagner
Michael Absher

Horn
Jennifer Presar
Cheyenne McMullen

Trombone
Jessica Butler
John Hentschel
Kenneth Trimble

Tuba

Jeff Beers

Percussion
Christopher Butler
Jim Beers
Michael Hanes
Lily Bishop