



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

Gathering in Praise

Welcome

Prelude

Miracles

Call to Worship and Prayer

Rev. Jimmy Spear

Kenny G.

Rev. Spear

Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness

Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.

Something new was about to happen.

God would visit God's people in a new way!

May our hearts be open to receive this good news!

With God's hope and peace we can be people of great faith and compassion in these days of waiting.

Hymn # 138

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn

Vs 1: Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning, sing out your joy, for Jesus is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, to open wide the heavenly door, and lives now inside us forever.

Vs 2: To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, whose humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing. Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of the anthems roll to shatter all hate and injustice.

Vs 3: In deepest night Christ's coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. One without voice breaks forth in song, a lame one leaps in wonder, the weak are raised above the strong, and weapons are broken asunder.

Vs 4: Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though cold the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill every day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Bill & Sonya Carney, Cole Galbraith

Response: Hymn # 119

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Vs 2: O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put flight.

REFRAIN: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Moment

Rev. Spear

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Meditation

O Comfort My People

Music

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Stewardship Moment

Dr. Stagg

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Blessing of Home Communion

Rev. Spear and Kim Leon

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Dr. Stagg

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer is an important part of our ministry to each other and one way of sharing God's grace. This week the following requests have been made. Please lift their names to God:

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Mary Tompson (cancer diagnosis), Dean Bennett, Frances Brown, Glenda Clark, Thelma Beem, Billie Silvey

Participants in Today's Service

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister

Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister

Michael Sauer, Director of Music

Travis McFarlane, Piano

Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organ

Bill & Sonya Carney, Cole Galbraith, Candle Lighters

Carlot Dorve, Trumpet

Kim Leon, Elder

Luke Stagg, Videographer



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