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Second Sunday of **ADVENT**



Jasmin and her grandmother, Pabla, in their kitchen.
Nuevo San Jose, Guatemala, April 2006.

December 6, 2020

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *I Wonder as I Wander*, Appalachian folk tune, arr. Dan Forrest

Welcome

Advent Wreath Lighting

Christ, Be Our Light

2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for

hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone

has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

church gath - ered to - day.

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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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Hymn

Each Winter as the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.

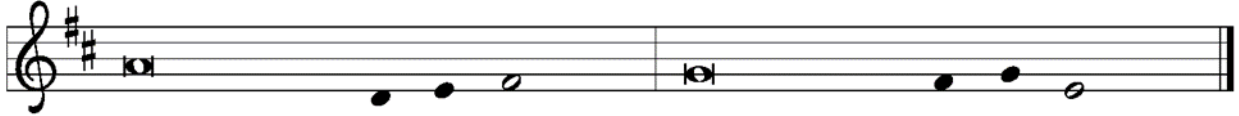
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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13



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You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**

I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their | hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**



Gospel

Mark 1:1-8 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you;

He'll make the road smooth for you.

Thunder in the desert!

Prepare for God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life.

His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

COMFORT WHEN THE SICK WORLD CRIES

[The message of Second Isaiah] is prophecy tempered with human tears, mixed with a joy that heals all scars, clearing a way for understanding the future in spite of the present. No words have ever gone further in offering comfort when the sick world cries.

(Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel)

Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from Isaiah

"Comfort, oh comfort my people,"
says your God.

"Speak softly and tenderly to Jerusalem,
but also make it very clear

That she has served her sentence,
that her sin is taken care of—forgiven!

She's been punished enough and more than enough,
and now it's over and done with."

Thunder in the desert!
“Prepare for GOD’s arrival!
Make the road straight and smooth,
a highway fit for our God.
Fill in the valleys,
level off the hills,
Smooth out the ruts,
clear out the rocks.
Then GOD’s bright glory will shine
and everyone will see it.
Yes. Just as GOD has said.”
A voice says, “Shout!”
I said, “What shall I shout?”
“These people are nothing but grass,
their love fragile as wildflowers.
The grass withers, the wildflowers fade,
If GOD so much as puffs on them.
Aren’t these people just so much grass?
True, the grass withers and the wildflowers fade,
but our God’s Word stands firm and forever.”
Climb a high mountain, Zion.
You’re the preacher of good news.
Raise your voice. Make it good and loud, Jerusalem.
You’re the preacher of good news.
Speak loud and clear. Don’t be timid!
Tell the cities of Judah,
“Look! Your God!”
Look at God! GOD, the Master, comes in power,
ready to go into action.
GOD is going to pay back enemies
and reward those who have shown love.
Like a shepherd, GOD will care for the flock,
gathering the lambs in tender arms,
Hugging them, caring for them,
leading the nursing ewes to good pasture.

Ministry of Music

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

arr. Mark Hayes
arr. Mark Hayes

Ministry of Music

A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Lloyd Larson
soloist - Renee Glover-Oakleaf

REFRAIN: A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low." (repeat)

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
All people shall see it together.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. REFRAIN

Comfort, comfort my people;
Proclaim the promise of the Lord:
His name shall be called Emmanuel!
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. REFRAIN

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleeta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, DeeDee Jimison, Bill Boys, Kay Ernsthausen, Kristi Hildebrand's grandmother Hazel Plice.

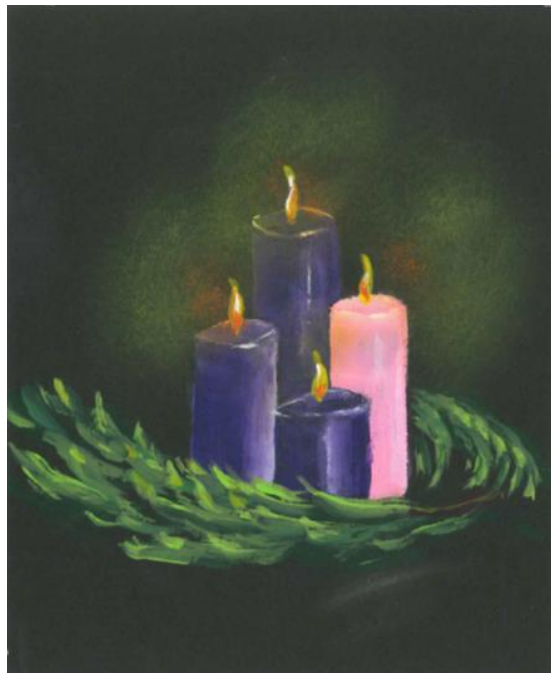
Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Children's Time



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel – a place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God’s time, and work to build God’s Kingdom. A place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence because here it is Emmanuel who watches for our coming, and who waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice and peace, for which we now pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the dreaming times to re-imagine the world; inhabit and use the liminal times to discover your patterns. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the quickening times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth. Amen.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

People Look East, arr. Lloyd Larson

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.


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Birthdays this week:
6 - Isabella Skoog
6 - Sophia Skoog
8 - Payton Friederich
8 - Bob Rapp
10 - Eric Hutton

Adult Sunday School
10 am Sundays
Via ZOOM



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ____?

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting
Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqdl1dQR3IUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885
Passcode: 043099
Phone only: 646 876 9923



Advent Wednesday evenings
December 2, 9, 16
7:30 Holden Evening Prayer
Livestream:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
ASL Interpreter
Cantor
Organist & Senior Choir Director
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director
Verger

David Shull, Pastor
Michelle Clemence
Tori Reed
Wendy Stoica
Kathy Rapp
Karen Kent
Michelle Clemence

*Flowers are dedicated by **the Reineohl family** in memory of **Dave**.
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 6 - 13

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	3:00 pm	Member Care Team
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	7:30 pm	LIVESTREAM Advent Worship
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Book of Genesis
We'd love to have you join us via
ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNIYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983
Passcode: 619946
Phone only: 646 876 9923



A Brewing Faith

Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Conversation and fellowship
Via ZOOM

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting
Time: November 10, 2020 06:30 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88406607138?pwd=TUMybS80ZFVSOUFocDV2bEVqZW1kUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 0660 7138
Passcode: 010809
Phone only: 646 876 9923