

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
December 16, 2018  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE                      "Wake, awake, for night is flying"                      J.S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED  
*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This Advent, we hope and pray for:  
Joy as we journey together toward God,

**ALL: Sight for the blind and healing for the sick,  
Freedom for the prisoners and good news for the poor,**

One: Release for the oppressed with justice for all  
and love for each other.

**ALL: And the coming of God's topsy-turvy,  
inside out, upside-down Kingdom.  
Let us worship our God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE              "Here's a Promise We Can Count On"              (words below)

ADVENT CANDLE LITANY                      Adam and Rebecca DeSimone

One: Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Hope (*candle is lit*). We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to rule as a Mighty Counselor. We hope in the One who will lead us to walk in the light of God. We hope this One will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

**ALL: On this day, we remember to look for the coming of Christ, breaking in all around us.**

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (sung processional & recessional)

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

**Unexpected God,  
your Advent alarms us.  
O wake us from drowsy worship,**

**from the sleep that neglects love,  
and the sedative of too much frenzy.  
Awaken us now to your coming, even in this prayer,  
and bend our obsessions into your peace.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical Version)

**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 for ever.  
Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Waited for The Lord" Felix Mendelssohn  
I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.  
*soprano soloists: Claire Olinik and Wendy Becker*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 6-7 (OT p. 638)  
*Key verse: And he shall be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Calm and Bright Sermon Series:*  
"While Waiting....Got Hope?"

### **GIVING TREASURE AND COMMITMENT BACK TO GOD**

OFFERTORY HYMN "The King of Glory Comes" No. 2091

\*DOXOLOGY No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF EXPECTANT WAITING "Like A Child" No. 2092

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Sevenfold Amen" John Satinor

\*POSTLUDE

"Saviour to the Nations, Come"

J.S. Bach

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.*

## **Here's a Promise We Can Count On**

*(Sung to the tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")*

*Here's a promise we can count on!*

*It's the word Isaiah saw:*

*One day coming, God's own mountain*

*Will be highest of them all.*

*All the nations will be yearning*

*For God's teaching, and returning,*

*They'll find guidance in God's law.*

*On that day of celebration,*

*All will listen to the Lord.*

*God will judge between the nations*

*Till all justice is restored.*

*Out of weapons made for harming*

*They will fashion tools for farming*

*And they'll put aside the sword.*

*One great day, the prophet told us,*

*God will triumph! It is true.*

*Lord, we trust this word of promise*

*As we hear your word anew.*

*When we're lost among the mountains*

*Of the world's ways that confound us,*

*Show the path that leads to you.*