

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE

"Adagio molto espressivo"

Louis Vierne

*Kat Jolliff, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*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 AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

One: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we boldly trust that God is never absent from us. Yea, God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord and incivility - whether between countries, within families, or inside our own hearts - God is present, conspiring to reveal to us new possibilities.

**All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and counting down days,**

**We thank You for the twin pillars of hope and peace**

**You erect around us, over and over again.**

**As we make space for You-come-into-the-world,**

**Teach us the peace that comes from justice and fairness.**

**We come here so our hearts can be transformed by You,**

**That we may walk in the disruptive peace of Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Blessed be the God of Israel"

No. 209

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(sung processional)

***I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

HYMN FOR ENTERING PRAYER "While We Are Waiting, Come"

(words below)

*While we are waiting, come;*

*While we are waiting, come.*

*Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,*

*While we are waiting, come.*

*With peace and power, come;*

*With peace and power, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come;  
Come, Savior, quickly come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (modern version)

**Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name and all it stands for.  
Come set up your kingdom here, so that every person on earth will see a way to follow you,  
just as you are followed in heaven. Give us our food for today, as well as awareness of those  
who hunger. Forgive us the times we do wrong, no more or less than how we forgive others.  
Awaken us when tempted and protect us from evil. For all glory and honor point to you.  
Praise be your name, Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM "Blessed Be that Maid Mary" Stephen Main

Blessed be that maid Mary, born he was of her body, very God e'er time began, born in time the son of man. Eya Jesu *hodie natus est de virgine*. Oh Jesu, be born in us today. Sweet and blissful was the song chanted of the angel throng: "Peace on earth, hallelujah in excelsis Gloria." In a manger, Jesu lay and lullayed was, born to die upon a tree, *pro peccante homine*. Make we merry on this fest, *in quo Christus natus est*, on this Child I pray you call, to assoil and save us all.

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 1: 1-8 (NT p. 34)

*Key verse: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."*

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Joy to This World Sermon Series:  
"Peace that Disrupts"

### **BRINGING GIFTS TO GOD THAT ADVANCE PEACE**

*At this time please pass the attendance pads back down your pew (if you're on the lower level, back toward the angled aisles). Use this opportunity to indicate on the pad the needs you want us to be aware of or your areas of interest.*

OFFERTORY HYMN "All Earth is Waiting" No. 210

\*DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT (tune: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow,  
Praise God all Creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice,  
Rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (see below)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

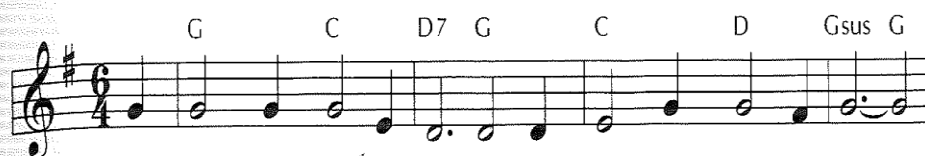
\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      "May God Keep You Forever"      Brenda Henegar

\*POSTLUDE      "Fugue in G minor"      Marcel Dupré  
   Kat Jolliff, organ

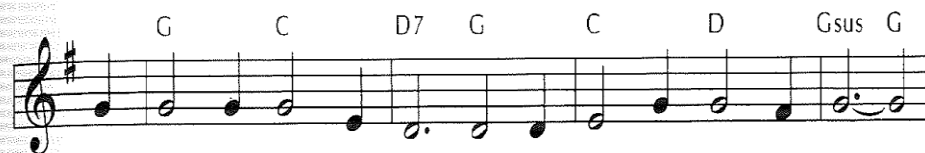
*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

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

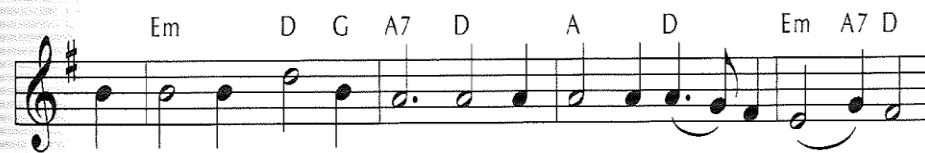
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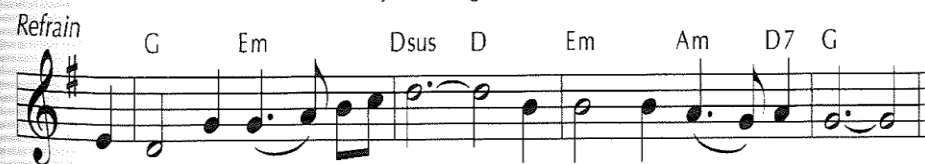
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw-ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.  
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.