



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
December 5, 2021

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming" by Johannes Brahms
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Lane

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Tara DeGroot

One: Mary was at home.

ALL: At peace in her spirit.

One: Hopeful for the love...

ALL: she carried in her womb.

One: Mary was troubled, and bewildered, and willing.

So be it, she said: I am ready.

And the fruit of her womb is Jesus.

ALL: Our spirits rejoice at our Emmanuel. God is with us!

HYMN "To A Maid Engaged to Joseph" UMH No. 215

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

One: Again, we light the candle of peace.

And today, we pair it with the candle of hope.

Peace is never enough.

We do not long for the sort of peace that comes
when justice is delayed.

Instead – we declare that our hope's foundation is...

In care of the earth.

Justice for our neighbors

Liberty for the oppressed

The children of our wombs and of our hearts

And in the voices of those whose stories must be told.

The home we long for is a home of peace – and present, prescient hope.

We light our candles, and we pray with all our voices:

ALL: Come Lord Jesus!

Bring the hope you promise.

Do not delay!

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Erica Kozlowski
"Where Children Belong" (all sing)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tara DeGroot

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)”

by Handel

featuring Central's Chancel Choir

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 46-55

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

Close to Home Advent Sermon Series:

SERMON

“At Home with Mary”

Rev. Linda Stephan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

(printed musical responses on separate sheet, words on screens)

A TIME OF REFLECTION AS WE RECEIVE THE ELEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Chris Lane

DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT

(sung to the 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

Rev. Chris Lane

HYMN

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Stephan

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Peace I Leave with You”

by Matthew Glandorf

POSTLUDE

“Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol”

by Gerald Near

featuring Tom Bara, 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.)*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

Tara DeGroot, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist;

Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Melanie and John Miner, Nora and Dean Francis

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Abby Ondrajka & John Sonnemann

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator

Silvio Ciccone, production director

Preface Communion Setting - Advent

Pastor The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your

Congregation hearts. We lift them to God. Now let us give thanks to the

Congregation Lord, our God. How good it is to give thanks and praise!

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might a - dored,

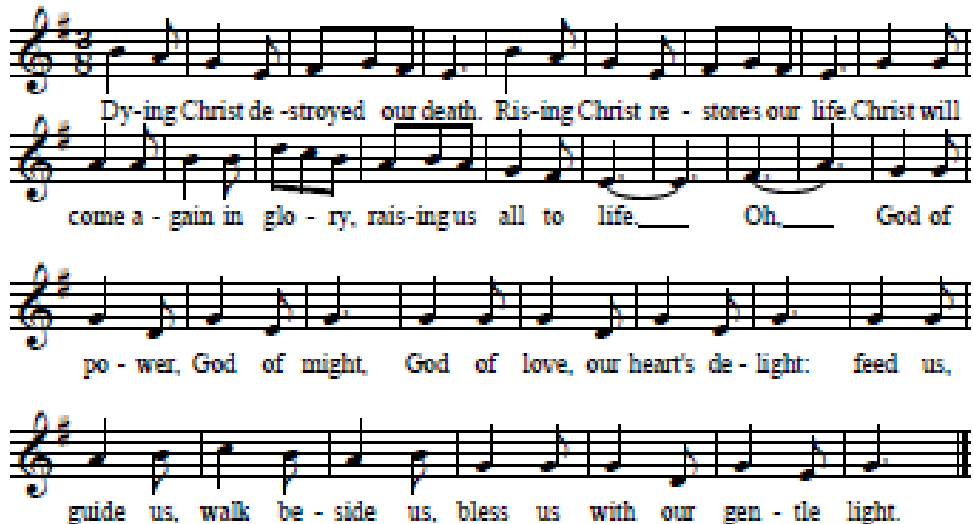
heaven and earth are shin - ing bright with the glo - ry of your light.

Loud ho - san - nas now we sing! In the high - est may they ring!

Bles - sed is the Com - ing One, Christ, E - man - mu - el, your Son.

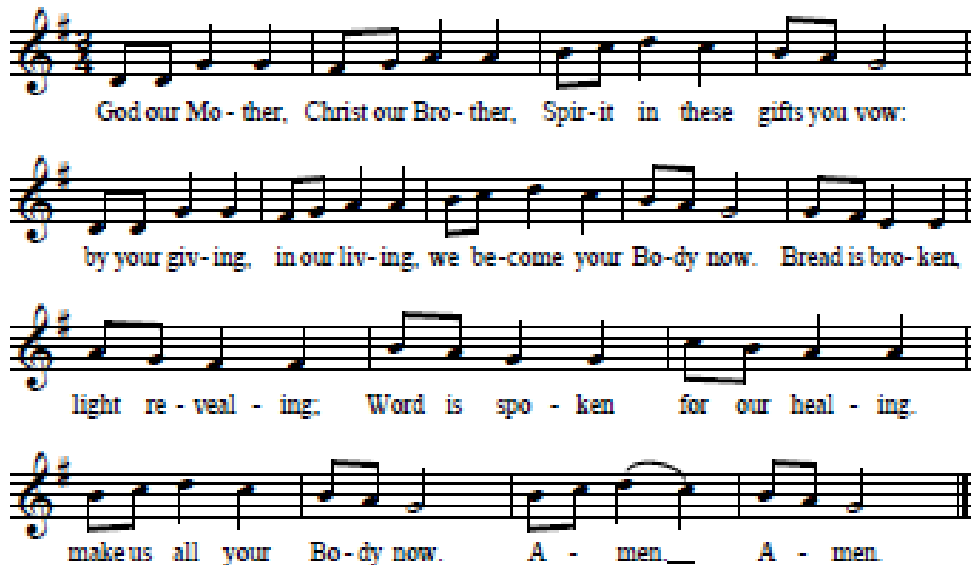
Glo - ry in the high - est! Ho - ly God, your name be blessed!

Memorial Acclamation



Dy-ing Christ de - stroyed our death. Ris-ing Christ re - stores our life. Christ will
come a - gain in glo - ry, rais-ing us all to life. Oh, God of
po - wer, God of might, God of love, our heart's de - light: feed us,
guide us, walk be - side us, bless us with our gen - tle light.

Great Amen



God our Mo - ther, Christ our Bro - ther, Spir - it in these gifts you vow:
by your giv - ing, in our liv - ing, we be - come your Bo - dy now. Bread is bro - ken,
light re - veal - ing; Word is spo - ken for our heal - ing.
make us all your Bo - dy now. A - men. A - men.

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