

Welcome!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015 11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Judy McLaughlin, lay leader

PRELUDE

Let the Bright Seraphim from *Samson* G.F. Handel

Guinevere Rhoades, soprano ; Heather Cooper, piano

Sinfonia from *Messiah*

Harmonia Sacra orchestra

Comfort ye my people

Comfort ye my people saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

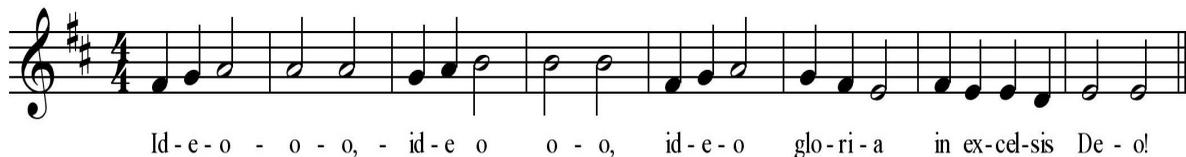
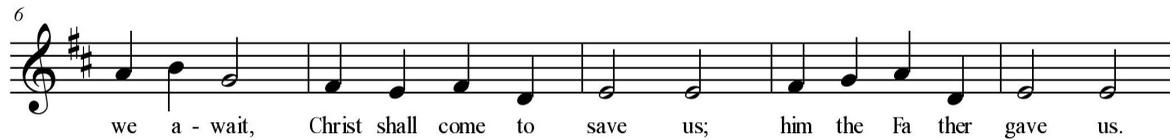
Mike Wiley, tenor

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN OF LIGHT "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations.

ALL: We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.

LEADER: We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—is about to be fulfilled.

ALL: O come, O come, Emmanuel— show the promise to Your faithful people. Anoint us in your Light, the only Son, Jesus Christ. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Acolyte

*HYMN OF INTENTION "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" No. 211 vs. 1, 5-7

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Thus saith the Lord from *Messiah*

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Greg Eisenbrei, baritone

But who may abide the day of his coming?

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us.

Alanna Shadrake, mezzo-soprano

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94 or See Below

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 OF DEDICATION

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth from *Messiah*

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The people that walked in darkness

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

There were shepherds abiding in the field watching over the flocks by night

Kathryn Nutt, soprano

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And suddenly there was with the angel

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Glory to God

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men."

Rejoice greatly, o daughter of Zion

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen

Chelsea Young, soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53: 1-11 pg. 683 OT

REFLECTION

The Suffering Servant

Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION

Then shall the eyes of the blind

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Dorothy Leeson, mezzo-soprano & Kathryn Nutt, soprano

He shall feed his flock

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

How beautiful are the feet

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

No. 213

*BENEDICTION

*CHRIST REVEALED IN OUR BROKENESS

Aaron Vaughn, FUMC Artist-In-Residence

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus

See insert

*CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Acolyte

*POSTLUDE

Pifa (Pastorale)



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11:00 AM

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Organist: Heather Cooper

Liturgist: Sharon McConnell

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