



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP- based on Isaiah 40: 3

Liturgist: Michael Babcock

Leader: A voice cries:

**People: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."**

Leader: As we worship today,

**People: let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst,  
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### \*HYMN #26

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
And I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
And it's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, to honor You*

*I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?*

*You Are My King Amazing Love*

*Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, to honor You  
In all I do, to honor You*

*You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus, You are my King  
You are my King*

*Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You*

*Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?  
(Amazing love)  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
And it's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, to honor You*

*In all I do, to honor You  
In all I do, let me honor You*

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

### **\*HYMN #132**

1. "Comfort, comfort now my people;  
tell of peace!" so says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning under sorrow's load.  
To God's people now proclaim  
that God's pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over;  
God will reign in peace forever!

2. For the herald's voice is crying  
in the desert far and near,  
Calling us to true repentance  
since the Kingdom now is here.

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*  
*Oh, that warning cry obey!*  
*Now prepare for God away!*  
*Let the valleys rise to meet him,*  
*and the hills bow down to greet him!*

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked,  
and the rougher places plain!  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign!  
For the glory of the Lord  
now on earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
that God's word is never broken.

## **GUIDED PRAYER**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2**

**We believe that the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is truly the eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father. In the fullness of time he took on himself the nature of man, with all the essential qualities and ordinary frailties of man—except that he was sinless. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary out of her substance. These two complete, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in the one person of Jesus without being altered, disunited or jumbled. The person Jesus is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man. Amen.**

## **LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

### **ANTHEM**

### **Light One Candle**

**Natalie Sleeth**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology— Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE:**

Isaiah 49: 1-7

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON:**

***"The Promise of the Incarnation"***

***Incarnatio***

*"I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." — Isaiah 49:6*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #133**

*1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

*2 O come, thou Rod of Jesus,  
Free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Repeat Refrain*

*3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Our spirits by thine advent here;  
and drive away the shades of night,  
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!  
Repeat refrain*

*4 O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Repeat Refrain*

*5 O come, Desire of nations,  
Bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
Fill all the world with heaven's Peace.  
Repeat Refrain*