

Worship Service ~ November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast sponsored by Gary & Diane Zak
in honor their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

PRELUDE 9:00 Alan Ball, piano; 10:30 *Shine Your Light on Us*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LITANY FOR ADVENT

L: Beware, keep alert!

C: The Savior is coming!

L: Beware, keep alert! The Christ Child is coming!

Let us worship and bow down before Christ who was, and is, and is to come.

C: For he is the Savior of the world, and the hope of the ages.

OPENING SONG *WAITING*

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your light, Your truth.

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your will, your way.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.

God be with us. Emmanuel.

List'ning, We are list'ning, Lord. List'ning, we are list'ning, Lord.

Draw near, let us hear Your Word for us.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.

God be with us. Emmanuel.

Patience, give us patience, Lord. Patience, give us patience, Lord.

When we pray, give us faith That You hear ev'ry prayer.

As we're waiting...
We are waiting...waiting.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: Watch! Wait! The day of God is near.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: As we light the first Advent candle, we watch and wait in anticipation, for Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

C: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who awakens our hearts to overcome the despair of our ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE WITH DEACON NINA

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from 1st Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 1:3-9

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

9:00 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ALLELUIA**

R: A Gospel reading from the 13th chapter of Mark

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #257 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for You;
Restore the broken, Make us new. *Refrain*

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING “*We Give You Thanks*” by Sons and Daughters
Alan Ball, Nate Bergengren, Linda Burk; rebroadcast from
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #843 ***PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS***

Praise the One Who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One Who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One Who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms And feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One Who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One Who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One Who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the One True love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing For joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

Come thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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