

## Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Entry of the Queen of Sheba* Kent Holt & Elaine Bultena

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Brittany Watson

OPENING HYMN 196 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Donna Hankins

CHILDREN'S TIME Tammy Felder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Gorman Family

**Reader One:** Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

**Reader Two:** The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

**Reader One:** So, we light these candles as a sign of our faith that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for that God to come and dwell with us. We light these candles in faith that company is coming.

*(The second candle is lighted.)*

**Reader Two:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Haley Jones

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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1: 5-25

Cherry Light

SERMON

All the Earth is Waiting

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

*Comfort Ye My People*

ADVENT PRAYER

The Anderson Family

**The Advent story of hope and mystery, anticipation, preparation, a kingdom of this world and the next, and a king appearing when we least expect. Heaven touching earth, the footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads as once they did in Eden, and a people, searching for a Savior, and walking past the stable. Open eyes and hearts, that this might be an Advent of hope to the world.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 209 *Blessed Be The God of Israel*

*Blest be the God of Israel Who sets all people free  
And raises up new hope for us: A Branch from David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared That with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies And all who wish us harm.*

*God's promised mercy will be shown And covenant recalled,  
The oath once sworn to Abraham: From foes to free us all,  
That we might serve God without fear And ever sing God's praise  
In holiness and righteousness Before God all our days.*

*My child, as prophet of the Lord, You will prepare his way,  
To tell his people they are saved From sin's eternal sway.  
Then shall God's mercy from on high Shine forth and never cease  
To drive away the gloom of death And lead us into peace.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Donna Hankins