

WORSHIP KIT 12-5-2021

PRELUDE: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel, arr. Hal Hopson

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Advent Candle Lighters—**Mike & Tammy Tomascin**

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” TWC 133 (v1)

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: As we continue our journey in Advent, we concentrate on PEACE!

The prophecy says the child to be born will be called: PRINCE OF PEACE

People: Our prayers continue to be centered on the Christmas promise of peace!

May this come to pass as we fervently pray for PEACE ON EARTH!

Leader: Our carols are full of this prayer - “Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace”!

With our world so full of conflict, this may seem impossible!

But with God - all things are possible!

People: The angels were first to worship the newborn King! Their song was filled with world-wide peace!

Leader: As we light this candle on the second week of Advent, may we feel the joy of WORLD PEACE!

***OPENING HYMN: “Once In Royal David’s City”**

TWC 161

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession... Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in times of need. Let us join in our prayer of confession. Let us pray:

***UNISON PRAYER**

Come, Lord Jesus, we pray; but not too closely. Be born in us, we pray; but stay a child. Answer our prayers; but ignore our sins. Tell us of shepherds and angels; but not of Ceasars and Herods. For we come to the manger, but we don’t want to stay....

That’s the truth, Lord, the cold hard truth about ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to be different this time around. Make us new. “Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today...’ and tomorrow... and forever. Amen (Rev. Dr. John G. Hamilton)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (pause)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely the Lord is in this place as the God of love and kindness who forgives you, frees you, heals you, strengthens you and raises you up to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. He also sends his Holy Spirit to

turn the hearts of parents to their children. To make ready a people prepared!

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

TWC 805

TIME FOR CHILDREN

1ST SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 60:1-3

SOLO: Were You There On That Christmas Night”

Natalie Sleeth

Vocalist: Philip Aley

2ND SCRIPTURE READING:

John 1:1-18

SERMON: "The True Light of Christmas"

Pastor John G. Hamilton

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Nicene Creed**

***HYMN: “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”**

TWC 155

COMMUNION SERVICE

THE THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“The Lord's Prayer”

TWC632

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC Voluntary on “Greensleeves” (What Child Is This?)

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

We are stewards of God’s household, managers of the earth’s treasures for a little while. This time of offering gives us opportunities to invest in causes consistent with God’s will for us , to offer the light of God’s love to sisters and brothers living in despair. Let us not rob God by withholding what is already God’s own.

OFFERTORYMUSIC: “Were You There On That Christmas Night” Natalie Sleeth

***DOXOLOGY**

TWC 809

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you God, for the privilege of sharing your bounty with those in need. Thank you for prospering our work and witness. We seek to walk in your light and follow the pathways where you lead. We want to share the good news of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all your people be made ready for Christ's coming.

***HYMN** **“What Child Is This?”** **TWC 150**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” **TWC 840**

***POSTLUDE.** “ O Come, O Come Emmanuel” arr. Hal Hopson

***Please stand if you are able**