

Makawao Union Church



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Cantique

Lynn Trapp

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

(Choir: “*Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.*”)

Of the Father’s Love

Congregational part:

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el.

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During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

And he will be called Everlasting Father.

We wait for the one who knows our deepest thoughts and fulfills our every need.

And he will be called Everlasting Father.

We wait for the one who will love us unconditionally, as a parent loves a child.

And he will be called Everlasting Father.

We wait for the one whose grace and mercy will never end.

And he will be called Everlasting Father.



“Today we light four candles. The first candle reminds us of the hope found in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor, the second candle, of our joy in proclaiming Christ as almighty God. The third candle reminds us that Jesus came to earth to bring peace into the world. We light the fourth candle to celebrate the fact that God loves us in spite of our flaws, just as a parent loves a child. In an unsettled world, surrounded by confusion, we affirm that our Everlasting Father is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

(Choir: “*Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.*”)

Of the Father’s Love Congregational part:

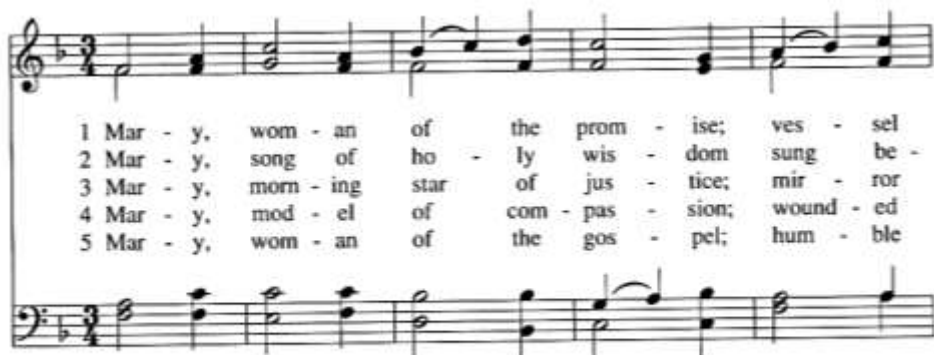
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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,". The second staff contains the melody for the final phrase: "ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el." The lyrics are written below the notes.

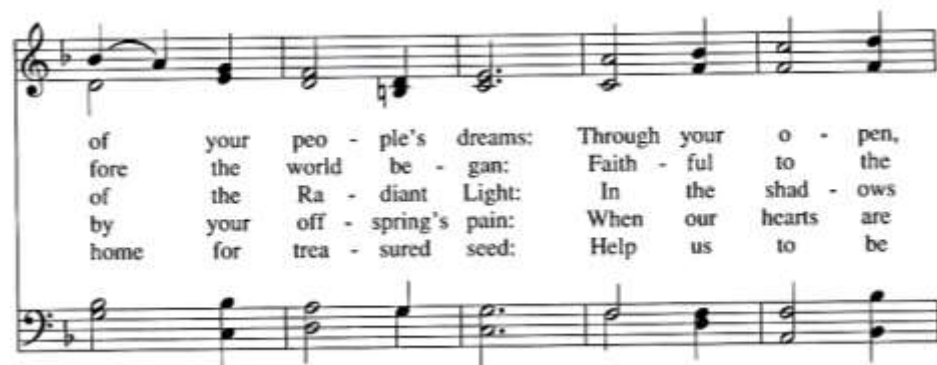
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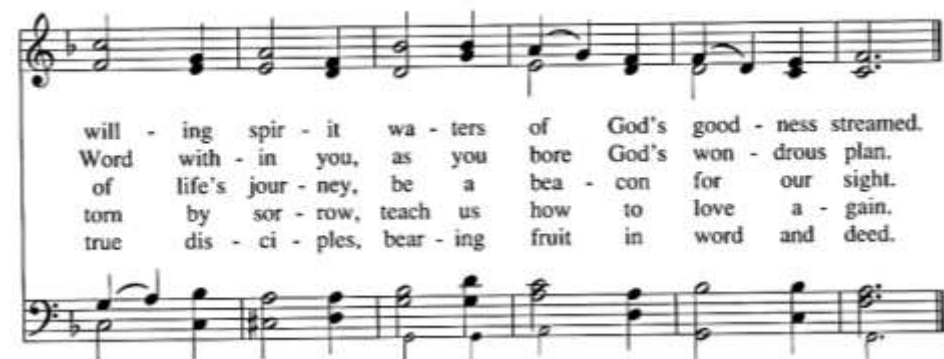
(Choir ends: “*Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.*”)
Gracious Lord, we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth to be our Everlasting Father. As we continue our Advent journey, remind us of your eternal and steadfast love, and help us radiate this love to others by our actions, and with our words. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



1 Mar - y, wom - an of the prom - ise; ves - sel
 2 Mar - y, song of ho - ly wis - dom sung be -
 3 Mar - y, morn - ing star of jus - tice; mir - ror
 4 Mar - y, mod - el of com - pas - sion; wound - ed
 5 Mar - y, wom - an of the gos - pel; hum - ble



of your peo - ple's dreams: Through your o - pen,
 fore the world be - gan: Faith - ful to the
 of the Ra - diant Light: In the shad - ows
 by your off - spring's pain: When our hearts are be
 home for trea - sured seed: Help us to be



will - ing spir - it wa - ters of God's good - ness streamed.
 Word with - in you, as you bore God's won - drous plan,
 of life's jour - ney, be a bea - con for our sight.
 torn by sor - row, teach us how to love a - gain.
 true dis - ci - ples, bear - ing fruit in word and deed.

Opening Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you....

Let us pray.

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.

We Hear the Good News

Anthem

Waiting for a King

Joseph M. Martin

Waiting for a king; when will he come?
Waiting for a king, God's holy one.
Will the world be ready? Is his advent near?
Waiting for a king; when will he come?
Waiting for a king; God's only Son.
Will the world receive him? Will he stand alone?
Waiting for a king to come and take his throne.
In the fullness of time the Prince of Peace will come,
the promised Messiah, God's chosen One.
For those who are righteous, hope will be restored.
Their eyes will be opened, they will know the Lord.
Waiting for a king, ruling in might.
Waiting for a king to shine in our night.
Will the world be ready when he comes to stay?
Waiting for a king; will this be the day?

(Text by J. Paul Williams)

Scripture Readings

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:39-55

Jay Slaughter

Sermon

"Child of Promise"

Rev. Heather Mueller

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offering

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We rejoice, O God of Love, in the privilege of giving without fear. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feeds our hungers, and stirs our complacency. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. In giving, we respond to your call to bear fruit and to make your name known. Thank you for accepting all that we offer. Amen

*Hymn

When God Is a Child

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*Benediction

*The Queen's Prayer (vs. 1)

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‘O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lani

A ‘o kou ‘oiā i‘o, He hemolele ho‘i. ‘Āmene.

Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.

Postlude

Postlude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Robert M. Thompson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deacons are requesting for a few red poinsettias to grace our Altar during Advent & Christmas. Individuals are welcomed to share your poinsettia for services on Dec 24, as you are able. Then please take them home. Thank you to those who have already shared.

Our **Christmas Eve** service is always a Lessons and Carols service. This year we will be celebrating **one service at 8:00 PM**. Of course, a major part of this is the wonderful Christmas Story shared through scripture readings. The rich diversity of different voices that we

always provide as readers are a particularly special part of these services. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be our readers. There is a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to light the Advent Wreath candle. Your participation is important and much appreciated.

The December 26th Worship Service will be organized around a Carol Sing. This is a great time for you to sing and share your favorite hymns or those Christmas Carols that you did not get enough of and just can't leave for another year. Please write in your favorite(s) on a card provided – see the table in the entryway and place your request in the calabash bowl at the rear of the sanctuary.

Secondhand Heaven will be closed from December 25th through January 7th, 2022. They will reopen on January 8th 2022 and continue their same hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM.

Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.

To make a donation please visit our website at www.makawaounionchurch.org and look for the **Donate** button at the bottom of the screen or you can send your donations via US Postal service to our mailing address:

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To the **Rev. Heather Mueller** who has filled our pulpit today.

To **Allan & Pat Shannon** for being our greeters.

To **Bill Kepler** for serving as the Worship Leader.

To **Joy Webster** for lighting the stained-glass windows "in honor of Mom and Dad."

To the **Deacons** and **Friends** for the flowers on the pulpit this morning.

To the **Rogers Family** for lighting the fourth Advent Candle.

To **Jay Slaughter** for being our Scripture Reader.

To **Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Leah Tinkelman** and **Dave Williams** for our music today.

To **Peter Kim** and **Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our Tech hosts today.

Upcoming Events

Dec 22	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Dec 24	6:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Worship - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
Dec 25	** Merry Christmas **	
Dec 26	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship – Carol Sing
Dec 31	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
	** New Year's Eve **	
Jan 01	** Happy New Year – 2022!! **	



Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Luke 1:39-55

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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When God Is a Child

Unison

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2. Peace is a ribbon that cir - cles the earth,
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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