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Welcome to the
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**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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

The Time of Preparation

Aloha, Welcome and Announcements

Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also be with you.

One: Now I invite you to greet and share with one another in a sign of God's Peace.

Prelude

Prelude on "Besançon"

David Lasky

Advent Call to Worship

One: Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise;

Many: We hear your call to turn to you, to change our lives and welcome you in.

One: Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom;

Many: And fill our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all.

One: In the Name of the One who is coming, who has come, let us continue our journey through the open door of Advent to worship Emmanuel again today!

*Hymn #120

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

(See Back Cover)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is

coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of HOPE, and the second candle, the candle of PEACE daring to express our longing for peace, for healing, and for the well-being of all creation.

Reader 2: Today we light the second candle of Advent. We kindle it with PEACE. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that the Prince of Peace is never absent from us; that God is always preparing a way even in the wilderness. We trust that even where there is violence and division, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, Emmanuel is present, gently showing us the way to Peace.

Reader 1: We light the PEACE candle joining together in sharing our belief that Peace is possible when we stay connected to the Shepherd who is the Prince of Peace, the one who is always sustaining us for the work of bringing Peace in the world.

Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.

Loving God, as we travel through this Advent season, we open all the wounded places and memories in our lives to the healing light of Christ. Show us the sustaining power of Peace. Prepare our hearts to be transformed ever more by you that we may walk in the light of Christ all the days of our lives. Join us now as we offer this prayer, saying...

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

The Advent of Our God

arr. Richard Shephard

(Text on next page)

The Advent of our God,
Shall be our theme for prayer,
Come let us meet him on the road,
And place for him prepare.

The everlasting Son,
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on,
To set his servants free.

O Zion's daughter rise,
and meet your heavenly King,
Nor let the faithless heart despise,
The peace he comes to bring.

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one,
Through all eternity.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11

Maggie Rogers

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight, ’”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole

Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who

is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with

water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

“What Voice do we Hear?”

Pastor Heather

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Centering into Our Communal Prayers

Grateful for God's Blessings

Terry Osman

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Christ at Table There with Friends

Anabel S. Miller

The Thanksgiving Prayer (in unison)

“We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.”

Stewardship Moment

Bill Kepler

*Hymn #611

O Day of God, Draw Near

O Day of God, Draw Near 611

R. B. Y. Scott, 1937, alt. Ps. 105: 2 Psa. 138-13

1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
 4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,
 5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;

Come with your time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 The qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

R. B. Y. Scott was a theologian, Old Testament scholar, and social reformer who taught at McGill University, Montreal, and at Princeton University. A minister in the United Church of Canada, he wrote this text in 1937 for the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order. Tune: ST. MICHAEL. S.M.
Tsonts quatze Psaumes, Geneva, 1551
Adapt. William Croach, 1826

We Go Out Into the World

*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.

English Translation:

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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Upcoming Events

- December 12 8:30 am Men's Breakfast, Kula Bistro
- December 13 10:30 am Worship via Zoom – Advent 3

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

- To **The Rev. Heather Mueller** for being our supply Pastor.
- To **Diana Dahl, Leah Tinkelman, Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, Dave Williams, Jay Slaughter** and **John Rowehl** for our music.
- To **Rick & Terry Rose** for lighting the second Advent Candle.
- To **Maggie & John Rogers** for being our scripture readers this morning.
- To **Bill Kepler** for our Stewardship Moment.
- To **Chris Kepler** and **Lewis Gamble** for being our hosts today.
- To our Worship Tech and Design Team: **David Fisher, Lewis Gamble, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Chris Kepler** and **Bill Kepler**.



There's a Voice in the Wilderness

*Isa. 40:3-11; Ps. 103:15-17**J. Lewis Milligan, 1925; alt.*

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Zi - on, who of - fers good tid - ings, to the
 3 But the word of our God is for - ev - er, our De -

call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 height of the moun - tains dare! Lift your voice to the cit - ies of
 fend - er's will is strong; God stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The
 Ju - dah: "Be - hold your God!" de - clare. Like the
 na - tions, to ren - der right the wrong. Then

Before moving to Canada, J. Lewis Milligan was a successful British journalist and poet. This text was written in 1925 to celebrate the union of three churches into The United Church of Canada, a body he served as public relations director.

Tune: ASCENSION ltr.
 H. Hugh Bancroft, 1938



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the loft - y hills brought
flowers of the field we per - ish, our hu - man works de -
God shall be as a shep - herd, the lambs gath - ered to God's



low: make straight all the crook - ed pla - ces
cay, the power and pomp of na - tions
breast; and pas - tures of peace shall greet them,



where Em - man - u - el may go!
shall pass like a dream a - way.
to give to the wea - ry rest.

