



COME HOME FOR
CHRISTMAS

Heritage United Methodist Church

NOV 28, 2021, THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v 1,2

#211 UMH

The Meaning of Advent

Rev. Maria Campbell

Call to Worship

Sally Williams

Leader: In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say:

People: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." *-Isaiah 2:2-3*

Leader: With what shall we come to God's house?

People: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands. Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

Children's Moment

Rev. Maria Campbell

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Diana Dalen & Marsha Dorrell

Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear, v 4

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Prayer

Rev. Maria Campbell

Hymn

Like a Child, v 1,3

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The Wreaths

Sally Williams

Hymn	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v 3,4	#211 UMH
The Garland	Hosea 14:4, 8-9	Rev. Maria Campbell
The Evergreens		Rev. Maria Campbell
Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, v 1	#196 UMH
The Christmas Tree	Isaiah 41:17-20	Sally Williams
Hymn	Toda la Tierra All Earth is Waiting, v 1,2	#210 UMH
Memory Ornaments	Revelation 22:12-14, 16, 17	Rev. Maria Campbell

Leader: Here in this place, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. And here we rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

People: We hang ornaments that remind us of our loved ones who are enjoying the promises kept by God and the resurrection promised by Jesus Christ.

Hymn	People, Look East, v 1,2	#202 UMH
Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Maria Campbell

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.

Anthem	Light of the World <i>(Daigle, Duncan, Mabury)</i>	Mackenzi Beck & Deann Baiza
The Legend of the Christmas Tree		Rev. Maria Campbell
The Legend of the Poinsettia		Sally Williams
Offertory		
Doxology		#95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering		Sally Williams
Generous God, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. We thank you for the opportunity to respond to your love and generosity by sharing our gifts with others. As we prepare for the coming of your Son, may our lives proclaim your good news for all throughout the earth. Amen.		

Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, v 2	#196 UMH
Blessing		Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

Worship Song Leader - Jacob Eppel Pianist—Jenny Memmott Organist—Margaret Cinotto

SCRIPTURES

Hosea 14:4, 8-9

I will heal my people's disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; your faithfulness comes from me. Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

Isaiah 41:17-20

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them, the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, and the plane and pine together, so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16, 17

"See, I am coming soon ... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

SONGS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v 1 & 2

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain—Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain—Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear, v 4

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v 3 & 4

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain—Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

Refrain—Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, v 1

1. 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.

Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting) v 1 & 2

1. All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

2. Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel," For his name is "God with us," our brother shall be, with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

People, Look East, v 1 & 2

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east (People, look east:) and sing today: (People, look east:)

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east (People, look east:) and sing today: (People, look east:)

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, v 2

2. 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.