



## Heritage United Methodist Church

DEC 4, 2022, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Opening Prayer

Liturgist—Diana Dalen

God of Wisdom, grant us a spirit of understanding and knowledge that we might live in harmony. In your great mercy, O God, help us to be steadfast so that peace prevails, and we live like the wolf with the lamb. Let the Spirit of harmony bring us hope, joy and peace to fill our hearts, so that with one voice, we might glorify you. Amen.

Song of Praise

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

#196 UMH

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Butler Family

Hymn

All the Earth is Waiting

#210 UMH

Children's Moment

Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly v 1,2

#229 UMH

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

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A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Pastoral Prayer

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### 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.*

Anthem

Joseph's Lullaby (*Millard, Bannister*)

Jacob Eppel

Scripture

Matthew 3:1-12

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In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Message

New Hope

Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

Winter Snow (*Assad*)

Melissa Barker & Kayla Eppel

Doxology

Angels We Have Heard on High v 1

#238 UMH

Dedication of Offering

Liturgist—Diana Dalen

Generous God, as we bring our gifts to you this day. In this season of preparation, we ask you to help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus. May this be the season when he finds the highways to our hearts prepared for his coming.

In the name that is above all, we pray. Amen.

Communion

Rev. Maria Campbell

When Hope Came Down (*Glover, Jobe*)

Melissa Barker & Kayla Eppel

Closing Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v 1, 4

#211 UMH

Blessing

Postlude

## Worship Songs Sunday 12.4.22

### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #196 UMH

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.

### All the Earth is Waiting #210 UMH

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.

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.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; open new highways, new highways for the Lord.  
He is now coming closer, so come all and see, and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared, yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,  
for he lives in all Christians and is with us now; again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

### Infant Holy, Infant Lowly v 1,2 #229 UMH

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks are sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

### Angels We Have Heard on High v 1 (Doxology) #238 UMH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their  
joyous strains. *Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v 1, 4 #211 UMH

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.**  
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.**



## Advent Devotion - Anticipation

As we move into this Advent season, we are all hoping for things. We hope we will be able to see family for Christmas, we hope for a great new year, or we hope for a snowy Christmas. These are all good things to wish for but it is important to take a moment at the start of Advent to examine biblical hope. A biblical hope is

more than wanting something to happen; it is an assurance for the future. The Old Testament prophets had hope in the coming of their savior, Jesus.

One such prophet tells us in *Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)*, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

The passage starts off questioning us, for many of us we do know and we have heard. For most of us this is not our first advent. We have heard the message of hope before but as we move into the craziness of the Christmas season though we know and have heard, do we remember and are we letting the hope of Christ fill our hearts? Let us take the opportunity this Advent to fill up on the hope in Christ. The passage goes on to give a quick resume for God and remind us of the power he has displayed. This is a great preface to the promise of hope the passage is about to make. Remembering what God has done, creating the ends of the earth, makes it easier for us to have hope in God. Then, it goes on to make the promise to give us strength so that we may walk and not be faint. The passage tells us this wonderful promise is delivered to us by the hope in the Lord. The Lord has been, and will continue to be, faithful to us which gives us this hope in Him. This is the biblical hope because it is not just something we want to happen; we can be assured of God's provision in and for our lives. God has seen the end of all of our stories and he knows it all works out. This Advent season, we can have hope in God's grace and love for us.

The, appropriately named, song 'Hope' by Remedy Drive says "What a beautiful sight for the worn and weary eye. The glimmer of light in the corner of a broken sky. Hope sweet hope like a star burning bright. When the sun goes down and the fears begin to fly. Hope's not giving up".

Hope is not giving up and so we can let the hope we find in Christ fill our hearts to share with our community this Advent season as we look forward to the birth of our Savior.

**Let's pray:** Lord as we enter into Advent and our heads fill with many hopes for the season, I pray that you would direct our hearts to our true hope in you. We know that all of the things of this world will eventually fail us but we can always count on our hope in you. Focus our minds that we may see you more clearly during this time and that we may radiate your hope to those around us. Lord, open our eyes to the needs around us and equip us to do your work this season and spread your hope.

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