



Heritage United Methodist Church

DEC 11, 2022, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Musical Call to Worship

Sussex Carol *(Rogers)*

Handbells

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Opening Prayer

Liturgist—Suyeol Bae

We praise you, O God, for being the God of our story. You have gathered us here to remind us that you care for the weak and powerless, and you care for us. We thank you for joining your story to ours through Jesus. He releases the captives, lifts up the burdened, and empowers the powerless. We worship and adore you. Amen.

Song of Praise

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light v 1,2,3

#206 UMH

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Berkey Family

Bells of Praise

An English Christmas *(arr. Helman)*

Handbells

Children's Moment

Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee v1

#89 UMH

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10

Liturgist—Suyeol Bae

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in

the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Pastoral Prayer

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

O Holy Night (arr. Leavitt)

Advent Choir

Scripture

Luke 1:46b-55

Rev. Maria Campbell

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

Message

Joy!

Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

Hope Was Born This Night (McDonald, Frey)

Jacob Eppel

Doxology

Angels We Have Heard on High v 1

#238 UMH

Dedication of Offering

Liturgist—Suyeol Bae

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.

Closing Song

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear v1, 4

#218 UMH

Blessing

Postlude

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

Thank you to all our musicians, singers, readers & volunteers helping in worship today.

Worship Songs Sunday 12.11.22

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light v 1,2,3 #206 UMH

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee v1 #89 UMH

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

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!*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear v1, 4 #218 UMH

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
**"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**
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.



Advent Devotion - Peace

Romans 12:18 – “if it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

In this complex world we live in today where it is hard, on any given day, to find peaceful times while watching the news or hearing stories of others acting badly to someone you know. The scripture is saying “live at peace with everyone.” And I am thinking Lord “everyone?” It is hard to think of being peaceful to others that act mean hearted and hurt people with their words or deeds but that is what this scripture is saying. Of course, the Lord would want me to defend myself in the case of violence or abuse but I could still stay calm while getting help.

What really spoke to me in reading this scripture from the Lord was “I am to live at peace with everyone I personally connect with which includes my family and friends and even the strangers I encounter anywhere.”

No matter how bad someone else is acting in my presence I can show them through my faith what “peacefulness looks like” by staying calm and talking to them with respect. My being right or having my opinion heard is not as important as the relationship. I need to act decent to others still keeping with my own values regardless of how others act toward me. How do people know what being calm and peaceful is if they don’t experience it. It is easy to say be peaceful and sometimes hard to do when I feel offended but I will work on this and grow in my faith with the hope that the Lord will help me to stay peaceful.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to be calm and peaceful in all situations that I encounter with others showing them Christian love in this way. Amen.

-Written by Marsha Dorrell