

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. 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!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 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.

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

You Are My All in All (*Jernigan*)

Heritage Choir

Scripture

Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Message

"Prepare"

Rev. Maria Campbell

Response to the Word

Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Shepherd's Joy (*Hayes*)

Heritage Choir

Doxology

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

Lord, we bring a portion of all the gifts you have given to us in gratitude for these blessings. Use these gifts to support ministries of healing and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Closing Song

There's a Song in the Air vs 1,3,4

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Blessing

Postlude

WEEKLY REFLECTION: Is your Christmas tree up? Are the lights hung? Have you prepared your home for the holidays? What about your heart? Have you prepared your heart for Christmas? Write one thing that you will do to prepare your heart for Jesus this Christmas.

Director of Music Ministries—Jacob Eppel Organist—Margaret Cinotto
Director of Audio-Visual Ministries—Jake Weskamp Pianist—Jenny Memmott



Forest of Trees
Come walk through our forest of decorated trees and experience the joy of Christmas Dec 3 - Jan 7.
Located in Fellowship Hall.

Advent Prayer Stations - "Walk to Bethlehem"
Celebrate the season with scripture, prayer and activities for all ages.
This self-guided walk is open to everyone
Dec 10 through Dec 31.
Located in Room 101/102 .

December 24 morning worship ONLINE ONLY
Livestream at 9:30am

Christmas Eve Services
***5pm & 7pm**
Communion & Candlelight at both services
*Childcare available at 5pm
*5pm service will be livestreamed
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Worship Song Sheet Sunday 12.10.23

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1,2 #211 UMH

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.

There's a Song in the Air v2 #249 UMH

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #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 were 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.

There's a Song in the Air vs 1,3,4 #249 UMH

Verse 1 – There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

Verse 3 – In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

Verse 4 – We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!