

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – “You are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

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Key - D | Tempo - 108 | Time - 4/4

VERSE

D⁵
You are holy (You are holy)

G²
You are mighty (You are mighty)

Em
You are worthy (You are worthy)

A^{sus} **A**
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

D⁵
I will follow (I will follow)

G²
I will listen (I will listen)

Em
I will love You (I will love You)

A D A D
All of my days (all of my days)

CHORUS 1 AND 2 (SUNG TOGETHER)

G²(#4) **G²** **A** **A^{sus}**
 I will sing to and wor - ship
 (You are Lord of lords You are King of kings)
A/B **Bm⁷** **D/F#**
 The King who is worthy
 (You are might - y God Lord of ev'rything)
G²(#4) **G²** **A** **A^{sus}**
 And I will love and a - dore Him
 (You're Em - man - uel You're the Great I Am)
A/B **Bm⁷** **D/F#**
 And I will bow down be - fore Him
 (You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb)
G²(#4) **G²** **A** **A^{sus}**
 And I will sing to and wor - ship
 (You're the liv - ing God You're my sav - ing grace)
A/B **Bm⁷** **D/F#**
 The King who is worthy
 (You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days)
G²(#4) **G²** **A** **A^{sus}**
 And I will love and a - dore Him
 (You are Al - pha Omega Be - gin - ning and End)
A/B **Bm⁷** **E⁷sus** **E⁷**
 And I will bow down be - fore Him
 (You're my Sav - ior Messiah Re - deemer and Friend)
G²
 You're my Prince of Peace
 (You're my Prince of Peace)
A^{sus} **D⁵**
 And I will live my life for You
 (And I will live my life for You)

INSTRUMENTAL

| **D⁵** | **D⁵** | **G⁵** | **A^{sus}** **A** |

ENDING

G²
 You're my Prince of Peace
A^{sus} **D⁵**
 And I will live my life for You

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Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here. "This morning as we gather, we recognize that God is bigger than any name by which we pray to God. And yet, out of the silence we call out using many, many different names for God. Listen for some of the many names that we use to cry out to God as we wait and hope."

Reader 0: Welcoming God

Reader 1: Infinite Mystery

Reader 2: Good Shepherd

Reader 3: Mothering Hen

Reader 4: Great Physician

Reader 5: Lover of the Unclean

Reader 6: Cosmic Christ

Reader 7: Giver of the Heartbeat

Reader 8: Rising Sun

Reader 9: Emmanuel – God with us

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ✝ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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Leader: Emmanuel,

We journey through Advent,
with our expectations and hopes;
our reasonable and ordered lives
conforming to the social boundaries
set layer by layer around us.

**ALL: You confront us, O God,
with events and circumstances
which are not what they seem,
and we are disturbed
by the prospect of embarrassment,
of public disgrace.**

**Yet in this shame,
you wrap your hope for the world,
God with us,
in an unexpected way.
Thank you,
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Hymn – “Emmanuel”

EMMANUEL

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F F/A B \flat F B \flat F C sus4 C
 Come, come Em - man - u - el! Child of God, ap - pear.

Dm Dm/C B \flat F Gm7 C sus4 C
 Heav - en and earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing

Dm C B \flat F/A Gm7 C sus4 C F F/A B \flat C *last time Fine - F*
 near. Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

F F/A B \flat C F F/A B \flat C
 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 O come, O Wis - dom strong and right
 O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
 O come, De - sire of na - tions bind
 Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el

Dm Dm/C B \flat C F F/A B \flat C
 And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 and or - der all things with your might.
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

F F/A B \flat C Dm Dm/C B \flat F/A
 That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
 Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
 Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el

Gm7 B \flat /C C F F/A B \flat C
 Un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in your way to go.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And bring to us your Reign of Peace.
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: (refrain of Emmanuel)

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from The Gospel of Matthew chapter 1 verses 18-25.

(Reader): *Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,*

(Side 1): "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

(Side 2): She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

(Reader): *All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:*

(ALL): "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

(Reader): When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(Alternative revised text by Barbara K. Lundblad)

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Translated by
John Mason Neale

Words and Music
Veni Emmanuel
Arranged by
Thomas Helmore

♩ = 76
(Optional chords in parentheses)

VERSE

Dm Am/C F/A (F) B♭ (Gm) F/A C F C Am (F/A) B♭ (F/A)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

5 Gm Dm/A Am Dm (B♭) Gm Dm/F C/E Dm Am B♭

Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels

CHORUS

9 C Dm C (Am) F (F/A) B \flat (Gm) F/A C F C Dm

here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re -
 night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 show, and cause us in her ways to go.
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

14 Am F B \flat (Gm) F/A C Dm C/E

-joice! Em - man - u - el shall

17 F (F/A) B \flat (F/A) Gm Dm/A Am Dm

come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

O come, O come, Immanuel
And bless each place
your people dwell.
Melt ev'ry weapon crafted for war,
Bring peace upon
the earth forever more.

Rejoice, rejoice!
Take heart and do not fear,
God's chosen one,
Immanuel, draws near.

O come, green shoot of Jesse, free
Your people from despair and apathy;
Forge justice for the
poor and the meek,
Grant safety for the
young ones and the weak. Refrain

O come, now living water, pour your grace
And bring new life to ev'ry withered place;
Speak comfort to each trembling heart:
"Be strong! Fear not, for I will ne'er depart." Refrain

O come, dear child of Mary, come,
God's Word made flesh
within our earthly home;
Love stir within the womb of night,
Revenge and hatred put to flight. Refrain

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: Come Emmanuel,

*And you are invited to respond: **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.***

Offering

Worship Leader: *Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.*

Offering Song – "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.

The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies. For the love
which from our birth, over and around us lies, over and around us lies.
Lord of all to thee we raise; This, our hymn of grateful praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Once in Royal David's City", "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav' n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – “Emmanuel”

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Emmanuel

Words and Music by
Bob McGee

♩ = 80

C/E F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B \flat A⁷ A⁷/C \sharp



Em - man - u - el, _____ Em - man - u - el, _____ His name is

6 Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C E⁷ F F/E



called _____ Em - man - u - el: _____ God with us, _____

11 Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B \flat A⁷ A⁷/C \sharp



_____ re - vealed in us! _____ His name is

14 Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C



called _____ Em - man - u - el.

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships

So that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations

So that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,

So that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and

To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness

To believe that we can make a difference in the world,

So that we can do what others claim cannot be done:

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our neighbors
who are poor.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Bethlehem Highway"

BETHLEHEM HIGHWAY

David Lee Brown
James Hersch

$\text{♩} = 110$

G C G C D G

There is hope on Bethlehem high-way for the ones who will journey there. And the

hope is the child in a man-ger bringing us love be-yond compare. It's a lifeline for the need-
Let the angels go be-fore

Last time to \oplus

G C G C D G C

y. It's— sight— to those who can't see. It's a free-dom for the faith-
us. Let the dark-ness be-come— light. Now the Sav-ior lives a-mong

G Am7 D \oplus D G

ful in a Child of proph-e-cy. There is com-pare.
us. Now— truth has come to life.

Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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