Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022





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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)

Marc Imboden | Tammi Rhoton

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

VERSE

You are holy (You are holy)

G²

You are mighty (You are mighty)

Em

You are worthy (You are worthy)

Asus

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

All of my days (all of my days)

CHORUS 1 AND 2 (SUNG TOGETHER)

 $G^{2}(#4)$ G^{2} I will sing to and wor ship (You are Lord of lords You are King of kings) Bm⁷ A/B D/F# The King who is worthy (You are might - y God Lord of ev'rything) $G^{2}(#4)$ G^2 Asus And I will love and a - dore Him (You're Em - man - uel You're the Great I Am) Bm⁷ A/B D/F# And I will bow down be - fore Him (You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb) $G^{2}(#4)$ G^{2} **A**sus And I will sing to and wor -(You're the liv - ing God You're my sav - ing grace) A/B Bm⁷ King who is worthy (You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days) $G^{2}(#4)$ G^{2} And I will love and a - dore Him (You are Al - pha Omega Be - gin - ning and End) A/B Bm⁷ F7sus And I will bow down be - fore Him (You're my Sav - ior Messiah Re - deemer and Friend) G^2 You're my Prince of Peace (You're my Prince of Peace) **∆** sus And I will live my life for You (And I will live my life for You)

INSTRUMENTAL

 $| D^5 | D^5 | G^5 | A^{sus} A |$

ENDING

G²
You're my Prince of Peace
Asus
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"



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.

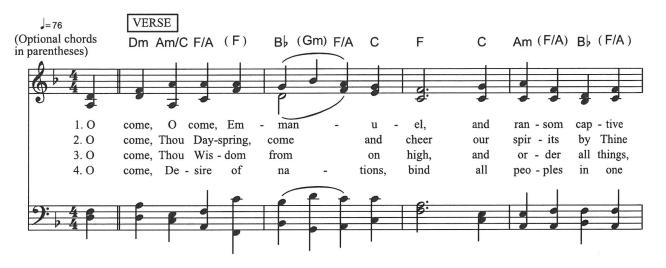
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

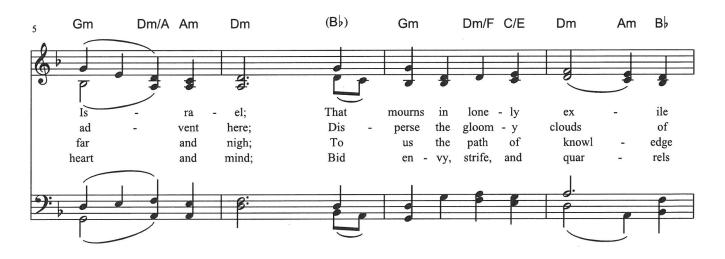
Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

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







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,

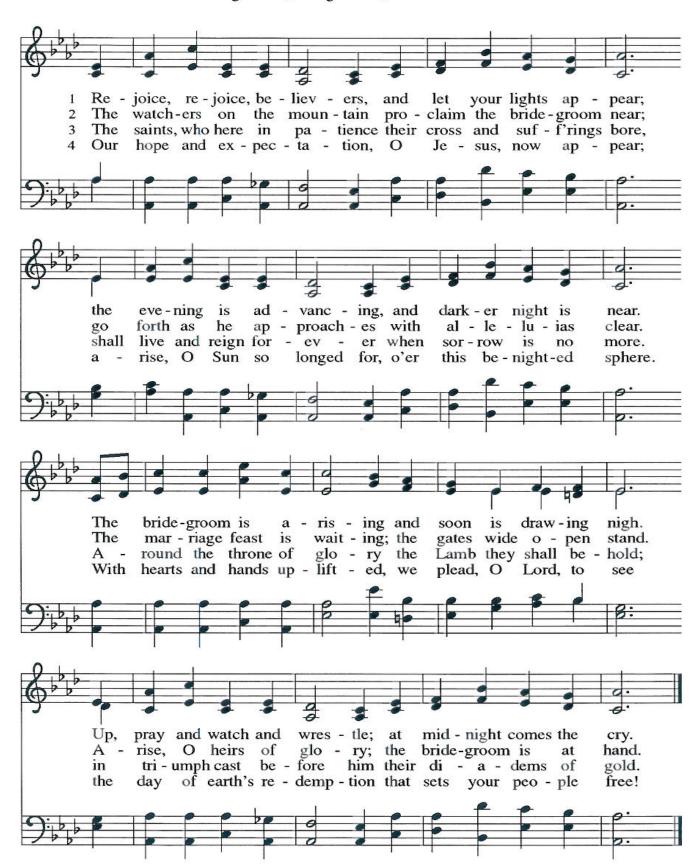
And you are invited to respond: **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

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



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



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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



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



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"



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

Music to Send You Out

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