

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Song "Emmanuel" Vs. 1-4

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

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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Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes *

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CRY MERCY

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Em Am D Em

Eyes of want and depths of need. Creeds of hate and piles of greed.
Worlds of hun - ger, miles of waste. Hearts of stone and lives of haste.
From the hurt we can't es - cape. We're con - nect - ed, bound by grace.

Em Am D B7₁.

Loss of truth and groans of pain. Voices cry for change.
Crimes of war and tears of grief. Voices of be -
Ev - 'ry col - or, young and old. Voices on the

B7 2. 3. Em Cmaj7 F#m7

lief. Cry mer - cy, your touch I need. Cry
road.

Em Cmaj7 F#m7 Em

mer - cy, oh, hear my plea. Cry mer - cy,

Cmaj7 F#m7 Am7 B9 Em 1. 3. Fine

oh, oh, oh, oh. Cry mer - cy.

2. D G D/F# Em7 D

We need your love, now is the time. We

Cmaj7 F#m7 B9 D.S. al Fine

need your bread, your liv - ing wine. Cry

Prayer of the Day

L: *Let us pray,*

Pray

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ELW, p. 317)

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "Emmanuel" Vs. 5 and chorus

Children's Time / Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song Leaders: Change words of the next song to:

1. "He came down that we may have **Hope**"
2. "He came down that we may have **Love**"
3. "He came down that we may have **Joy**"
4. "He came down that we may have **Peace**"

He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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THE STORY

(Reader): *You are invited to follow along in your Bibles as we hear our story and God's story continue today with a reading from the book of Ruth 1:1-18.*

(Narrator): ¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law,

(Naomi): "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband."

(Narrator): Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said,

(Naomi): "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a

husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.”

(Narrator): ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said,

(Naomi): “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

(Narrator): ¹⁶But Ruth said,

(Ruth): “Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

(Narrator): ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

VOICES OF HOPE CHOIR - “Walk in the Light”

SERMON - Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – “God Welcomes All”

God Welcomes All

The image shows a musical score for the song "God Welcomes All". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends; God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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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: God, who is mercy:

Congregational response: Sing...

Hope in the Lord Prayer Response

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson
with members of
Faith Lutheran, Glen Ellyn, IL



The musical notation is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: Dm, C, Bb, C, Gm7, Am7, and Dm. The lyrics are: "Hope in the Lord! Be strong, take courage. We find our hope in you."

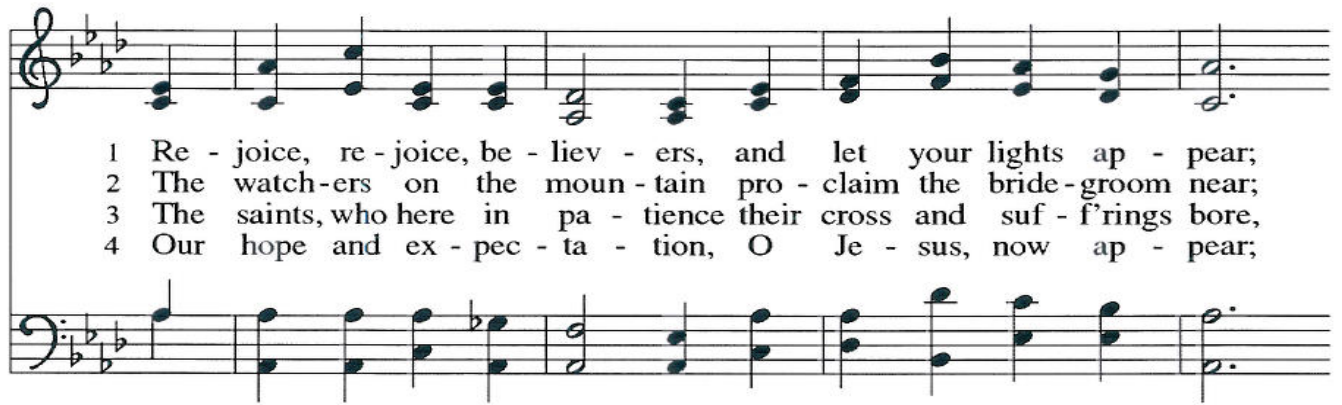
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THE OFFERING

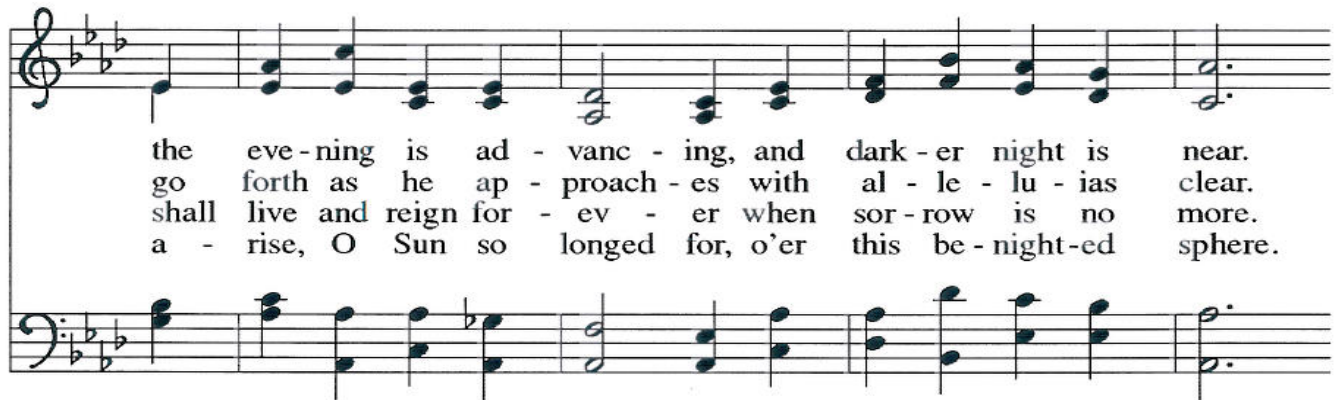
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Offering Song: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

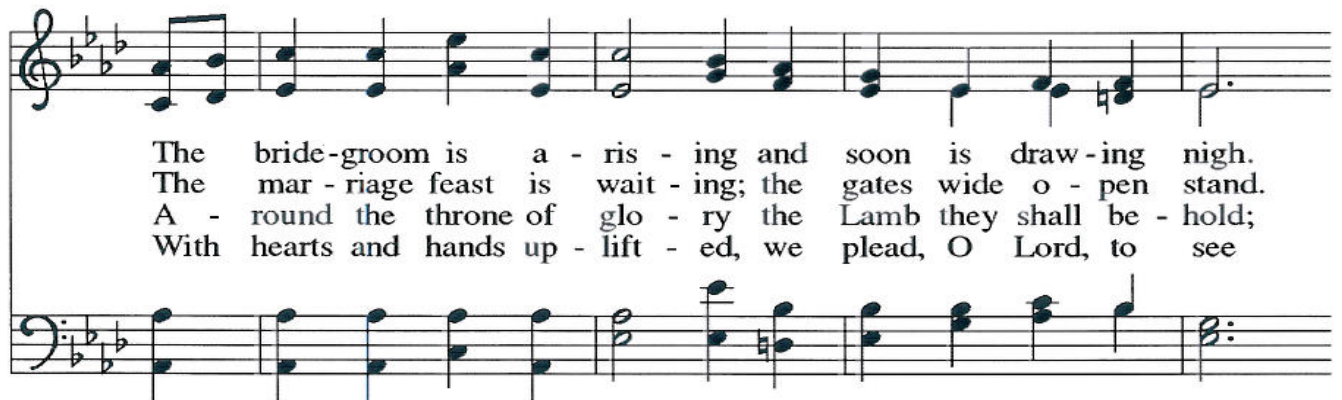
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers




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'ings 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

(Pastor Hans): Setting the Table

the children lead us as we say together:

**Gracious God, we thank you for the food before us;
the family beside us; the love between us;
and your presence among us.**

Amen.

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

(Leader): *Our Creator, our Mother,*

(ALL): 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...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.

The gifts of God are...

(ALL): Free

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "Christ, Be Our Light" and "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray: Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us
to your heart, and nourished us at your table.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be your body in the world, that we may show Christ's love to all people. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! Sing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vs. 1

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.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: George N. Allen, *The Oberlin Social and Sabbath School Hymn Book*, 1844; adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey.

PRECIOUS LORD
irregular

BENEDICTION: "Prayer of Good Courage"

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Taken from "Mountain Vespers", an evening prayer service dedicated to Holden Village www.holdenvillage.org

A
D
A

first time through L:
cond time through C:

O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the

D
A
D
Bm
E

4
end, By paths ne-ver yet tak en, Through per ils un known.

F#m
D
A
E

9
Give us good cour-age Not know ing where we go, To

F#m
D
A
E

13
know that your hand is lead-ing us Wher ever we might go.

G
D
A

17
A - - - - men.

Sending Song: "Bethlehem Highway"

(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)

BETHLEHEM HIGHWAY

David Lee Brown
James Hersch

♩ = 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 ⊕

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 ⊕ D G

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

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with guitar chords and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 110. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are: '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 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 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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