



Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday in Advent

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Prelude

Welcome

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Advent Candle Lighting and Children's Time

Jesus Loves Me

Jonah and Juliette Crouch

"Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord."

Whether we look out to the world around us or into our own hearts, we recognize our deep need for salvation. We light the second Advent candle to signify our longing for a rescuer, a helper, one who will deliver us from sin, from despair, even from death. Jesus, you are Savior.

(Luke 2: 10-11 and adapted from Matthew 1:21)

Sing: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **Verse 2** **No. 211**

Prayer (unison)

Holy and righteous God, before you we can only admit our own unrighteousness and our world's deep brokenness. In gratitude, we praise you for giving your Son to be our Savior. In humility, we pray you will guide us now, by your Spirit, to live more fully and freely as your forgiven people. Amen.

(Adapted from the *Incarnation: Leader Guide*, by Mike Poteet)

Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* **No. 209**

First Lesson **Luke 2: 8-12**

Psalter **Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13** **No. 806**

Second Lesson **2 Peter 3: 8-15a**

The Psalm **Psalm 24** **No. 212**

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 1: 18-25**

Sermon

The Savior and Our Need for Saving

Rev. Chuck Layton

Offering

Offertory

Service of the Word and Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets,

who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,

whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts

and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
Your own Child came among us as a servant,
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.
He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours,

almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Lo, How the Rose E'er Blooming

No. 216

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Chuck Layton, Pastor | Lori Nelson, Organist | Emily Forssberg, Vocals | Toni Brown, Liturgist
Sally Thurman, Videographer and Video Editor

