"The Pregnancy of Waiting" Isaiah 64:1-9

First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2020 10:00 AM Worship Online & in Fellowship Hall









*Call to Worship

Leader: You know what time it is, Congregation: how it is now the moment for us to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

Congregation: and put on the armor of light.

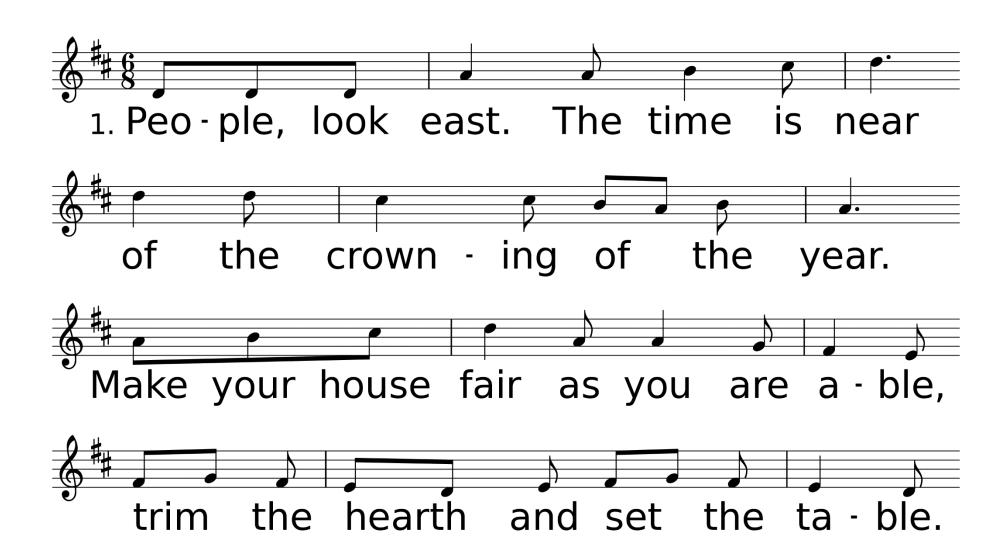
Help us, O God, to be patient in the waiting.

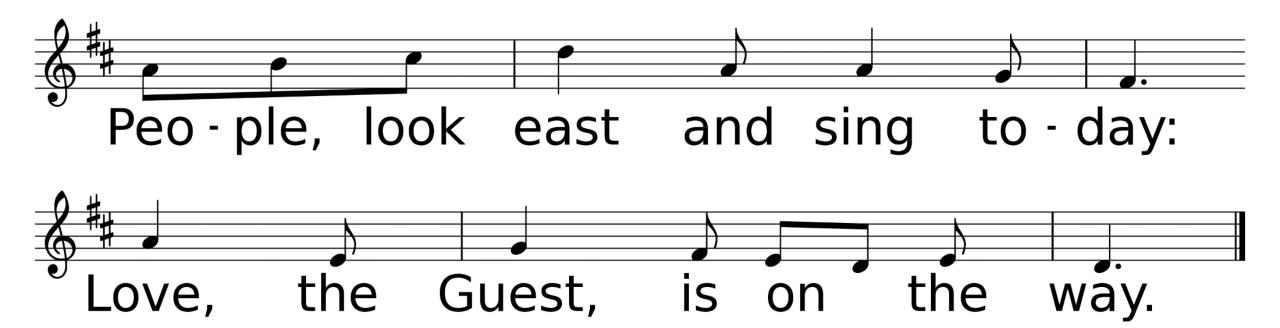
May we find joy in the waiting and the preparing of your coming and being born anew in us this Advent season.

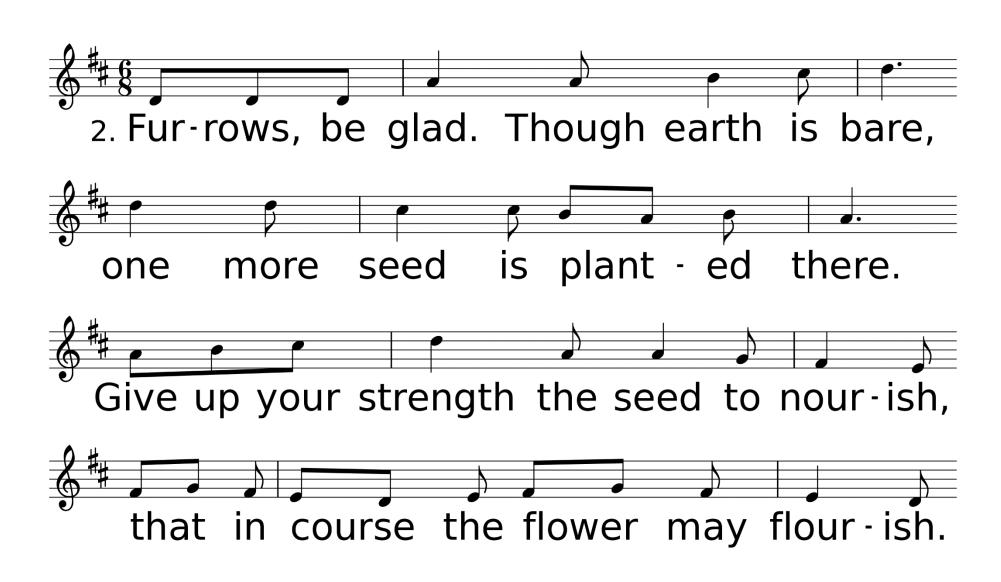
Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Hope Elizabeth & Dale Vincent

*Hymn of Praise People, Look East

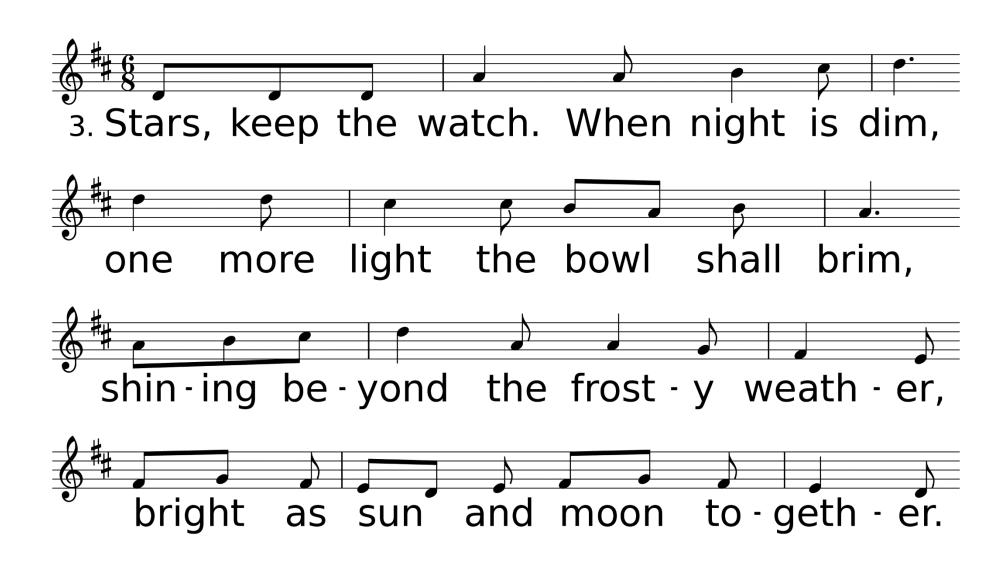
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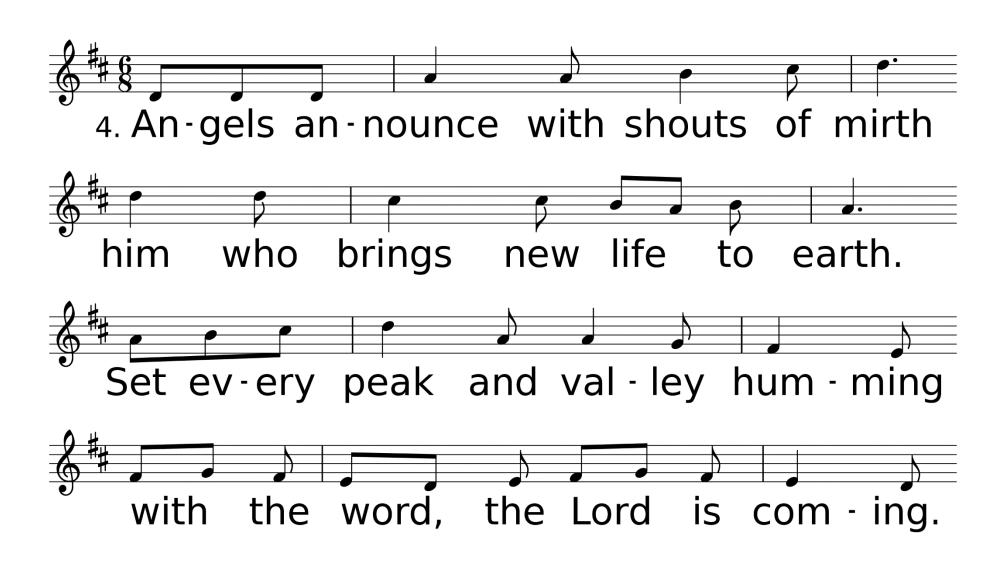


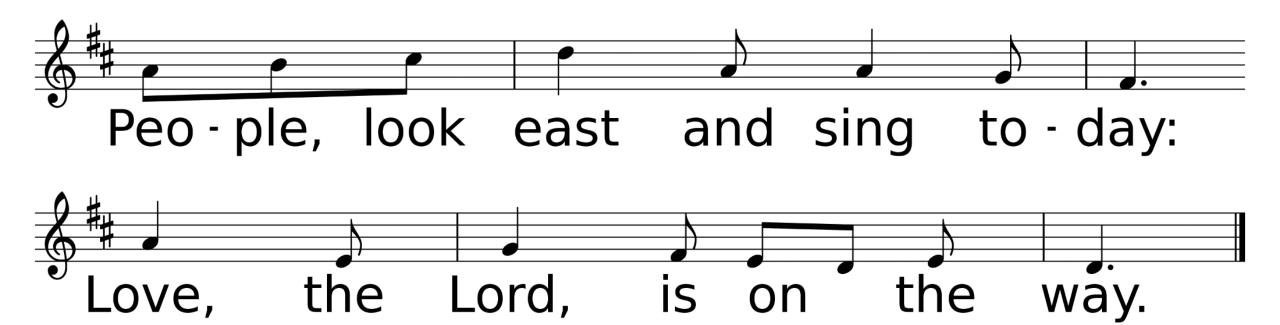












*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty?"

Congregation: That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

Leader: What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord?"

Congregation: That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth. We are called to confess him by faith and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit? Congregation: That apart from the Holy Spirit, Our lives are incomplete. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.

Leader: What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting?" Congregation: That communion with **Jesus Christ** is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled.

To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

Mary Ann Greer (S. Chavez) Rodney Fowler Kelley Allen & Family Terry Yeates **Abbott Tepley** (E. & T. Tepley) Johnny Cunningham (G. Bailey) John Nelson Marty Smith

Rev. Laraine Waughtal Dale Vincent Marilynn & Bill Kenney Lennie Hanchey Joe Ann Lillie Erik Wiley (S. Jones) Gervis Bailey (K. Bailey) Joyce & Doyle Whitehead (L. Schultz) Robert Lewis & Family (K. Allen)

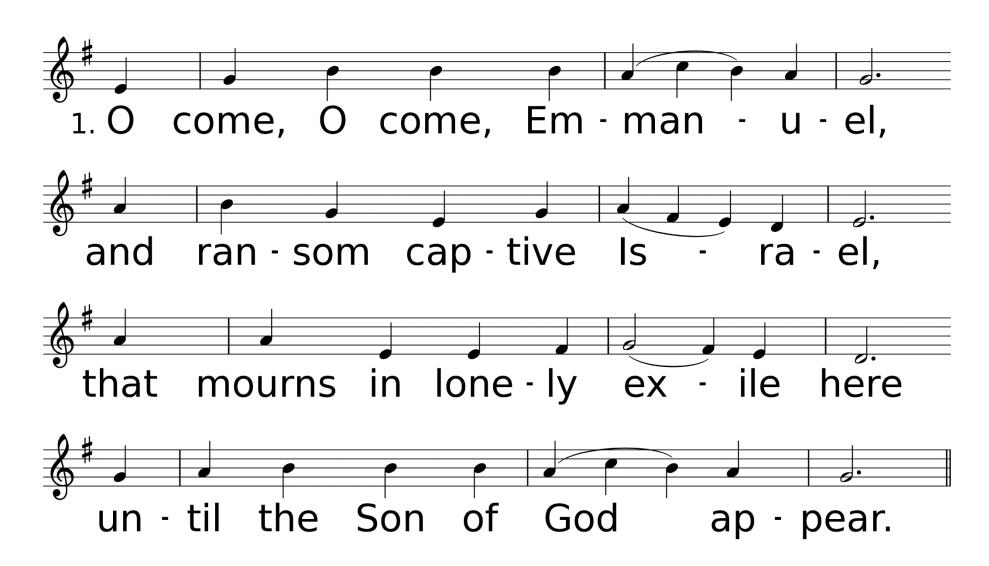
Sue Kent (K. Allen) John Raimer (L. Waughtal) Brenda Cantrell (S. Slover) Judy Barbay (L. Schultz) Hannah Woodard (J. Schwarze) Cathy Lott (D. & V. Allen) Kayetha Wilson Neely Biggs

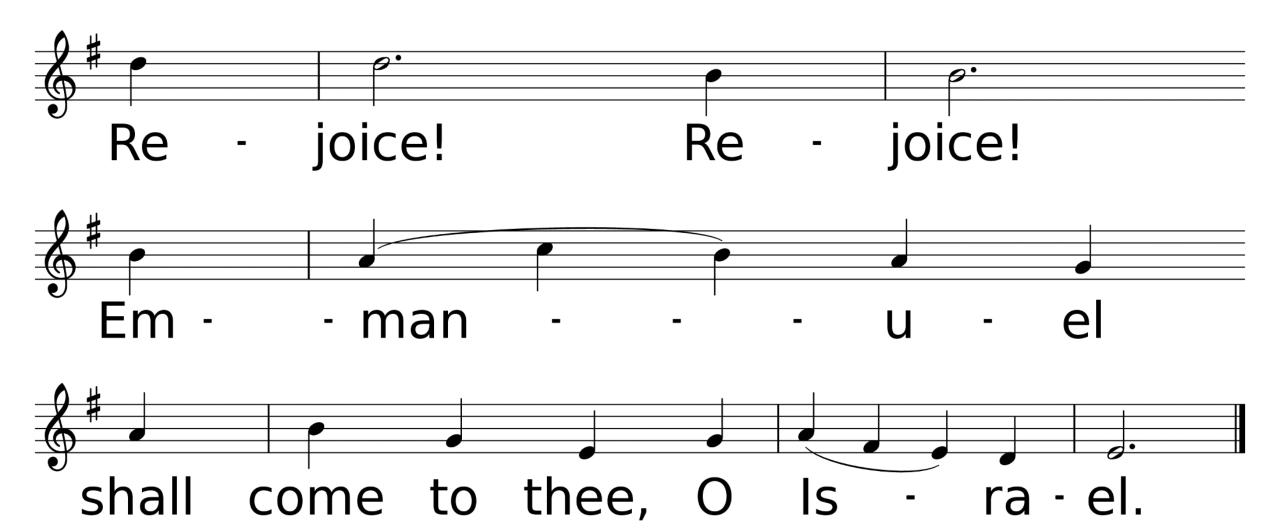
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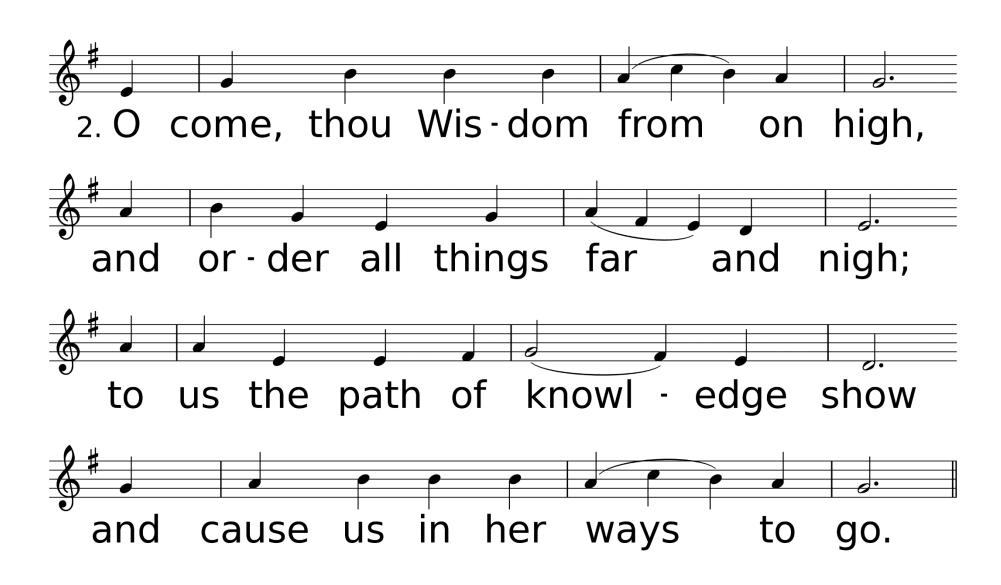
Hurricane Delta & Laura Recovery Efforts All Emergency Personnel The Military City of DeRidder State of Louisiana The United States of America Our World Our Enemies Our Church Those Who Have Hurt Us

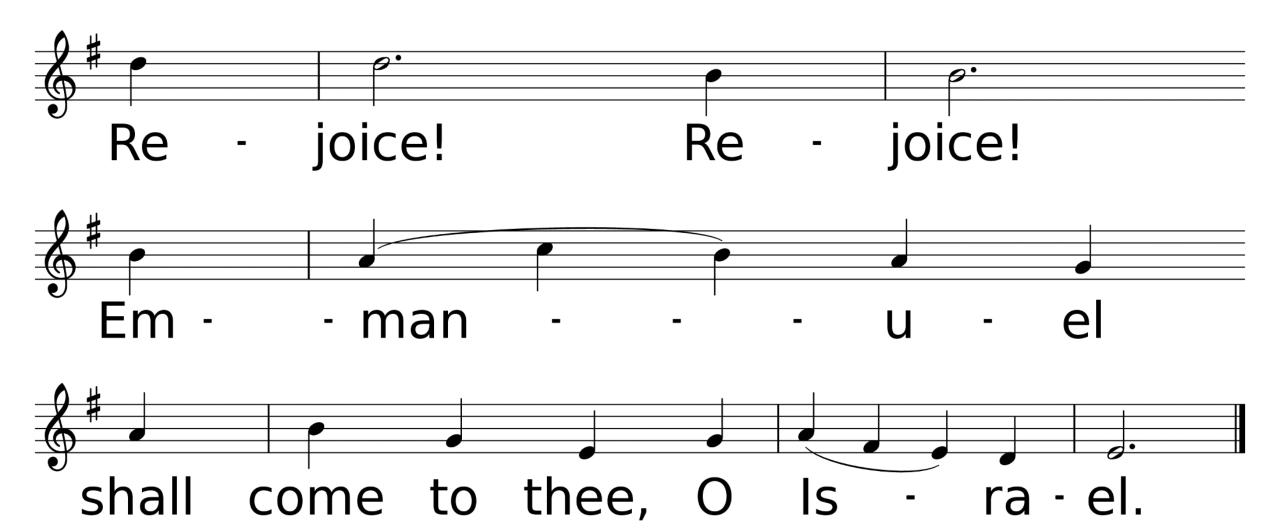
Sung Response O Come, O Come Emmanuel

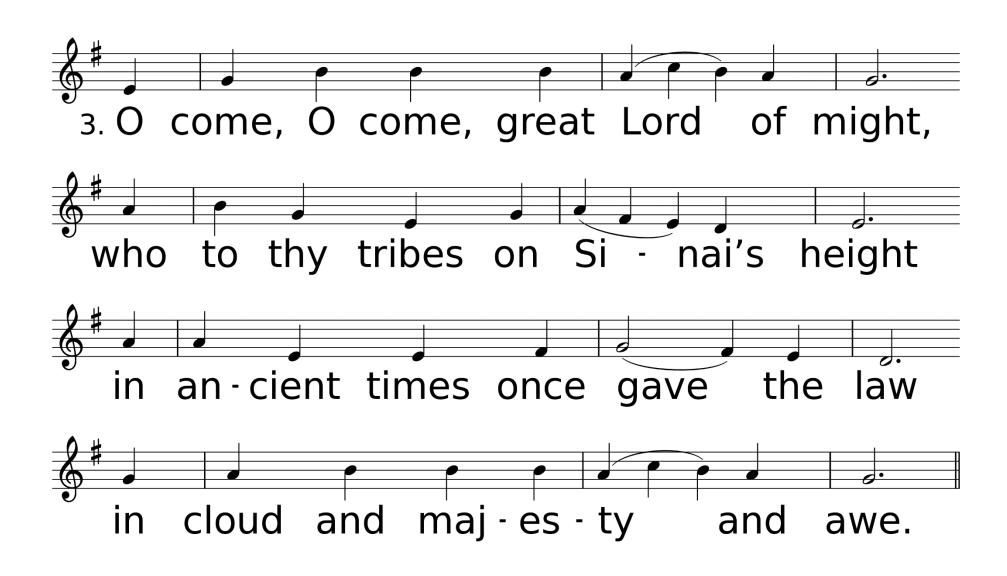
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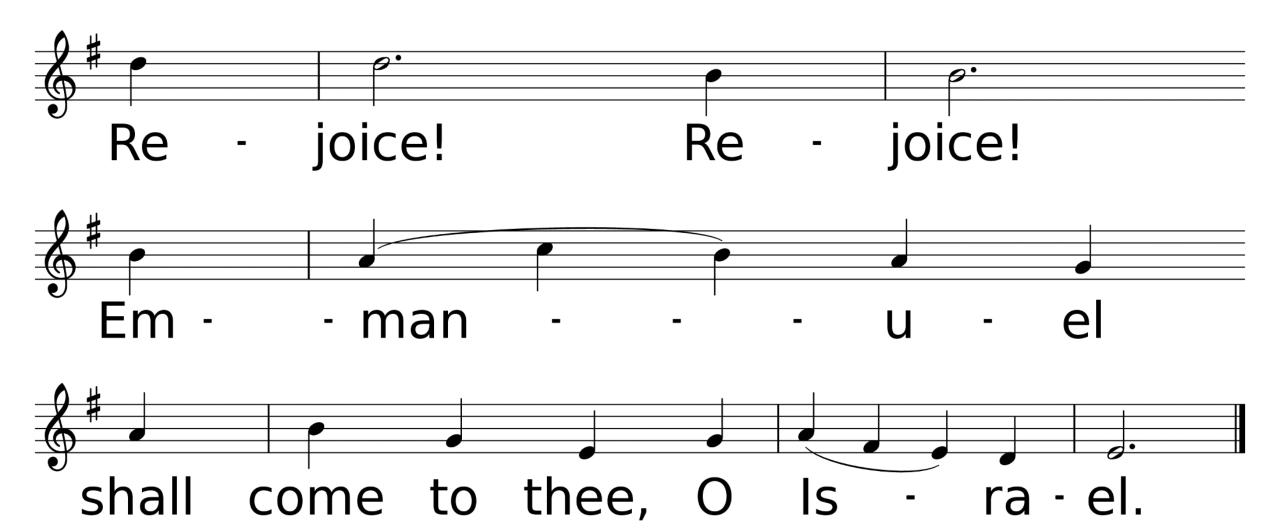








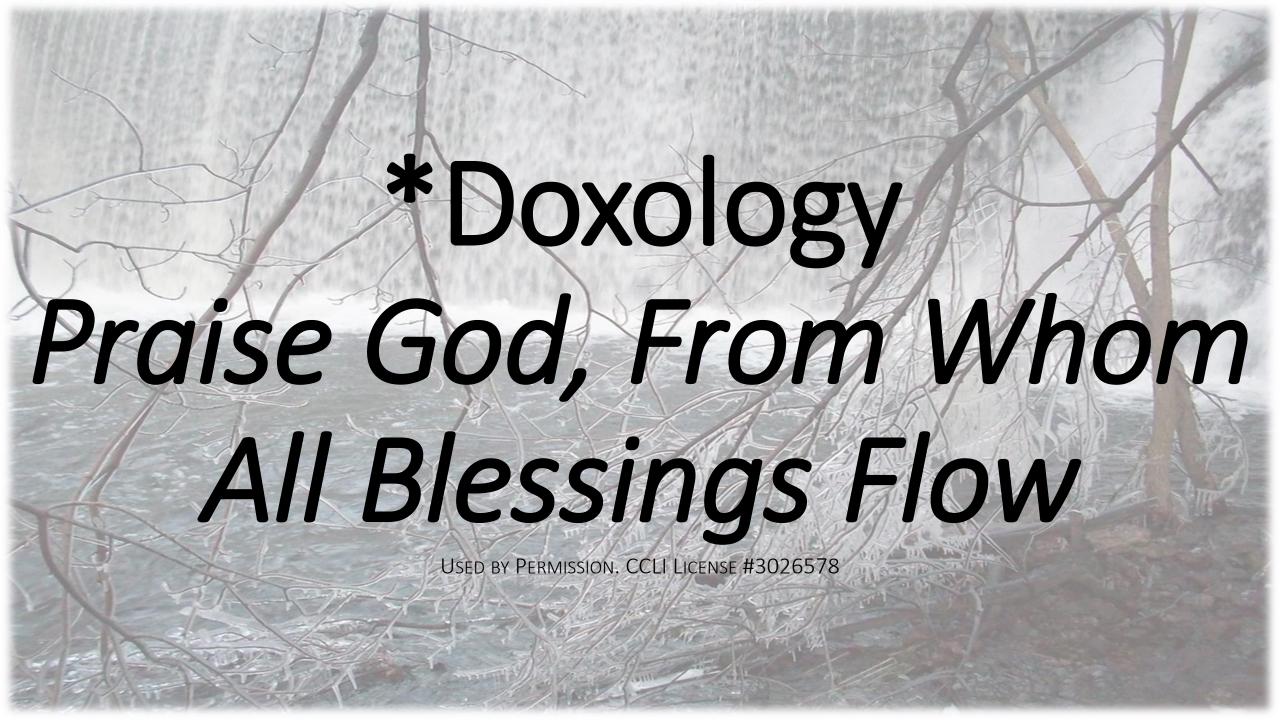




Congregational Prayer

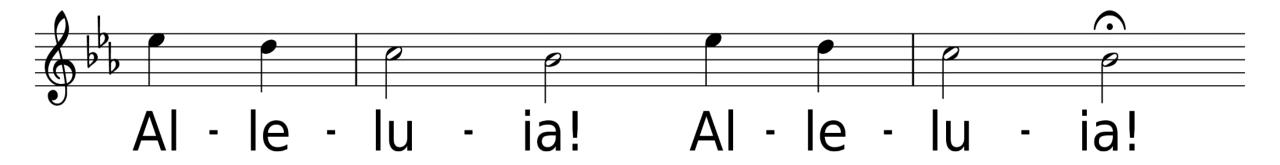
The Lord's Prayer

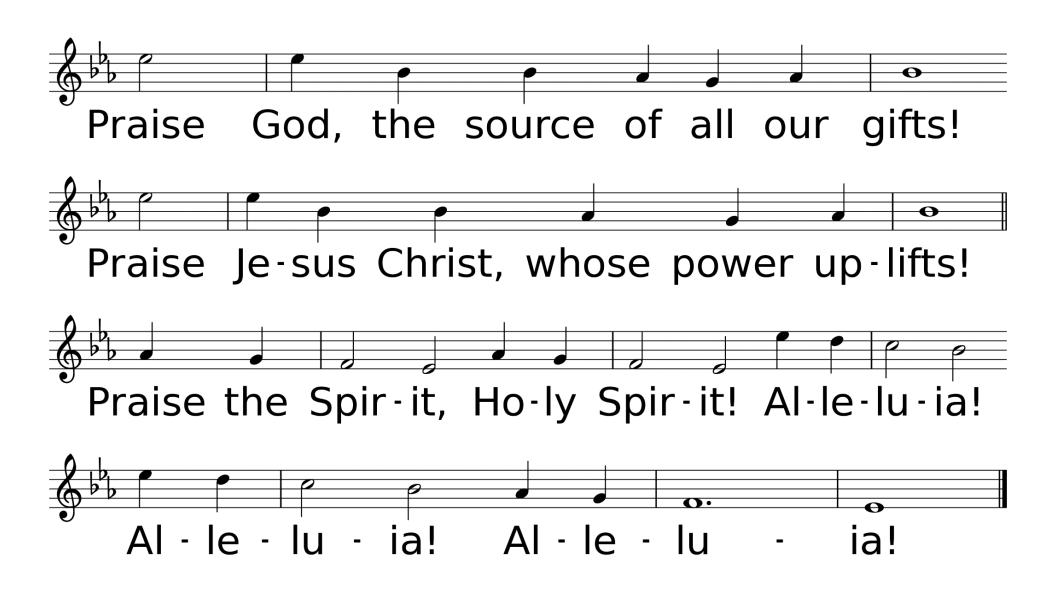
Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts









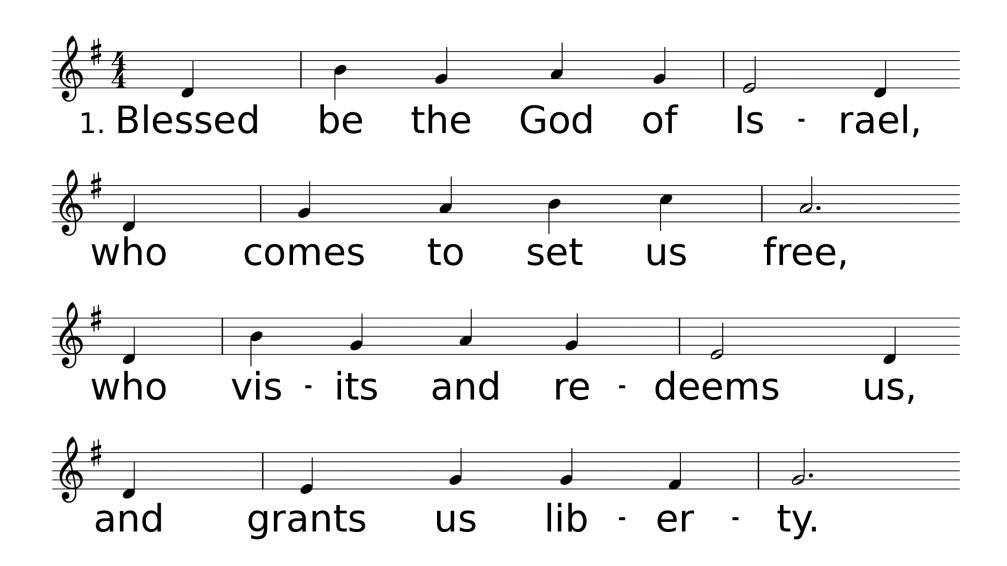


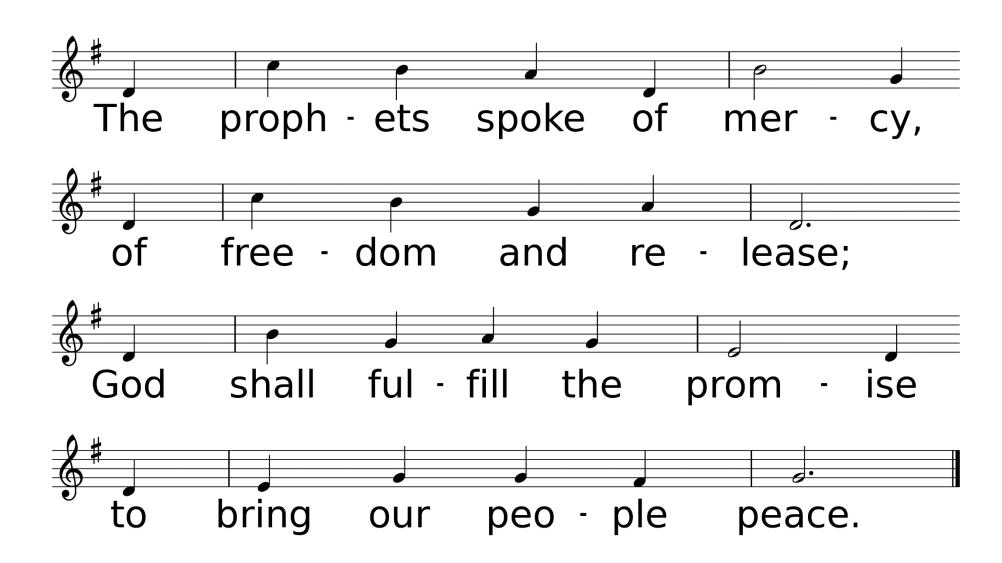
Dismissal of Children for Children's Church!

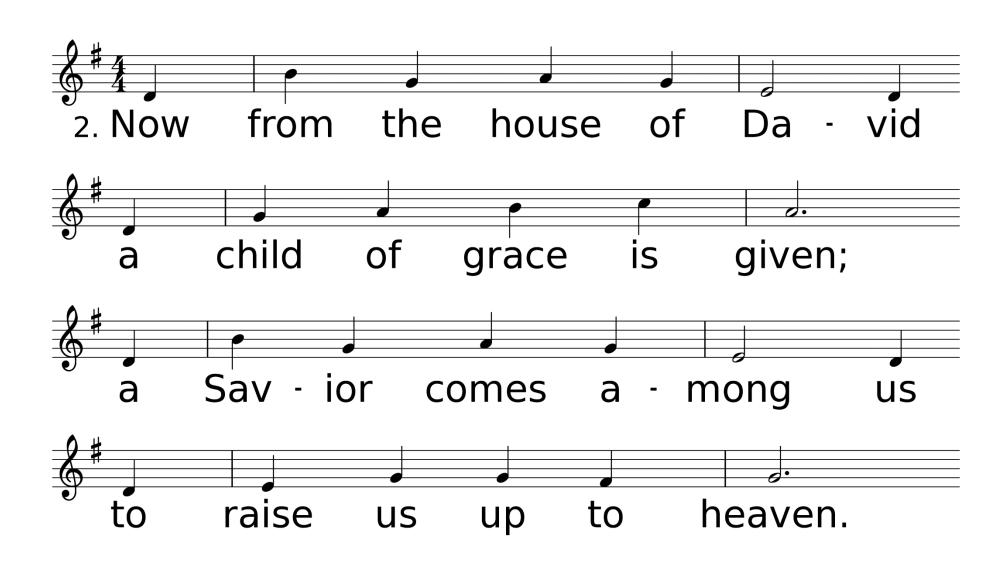


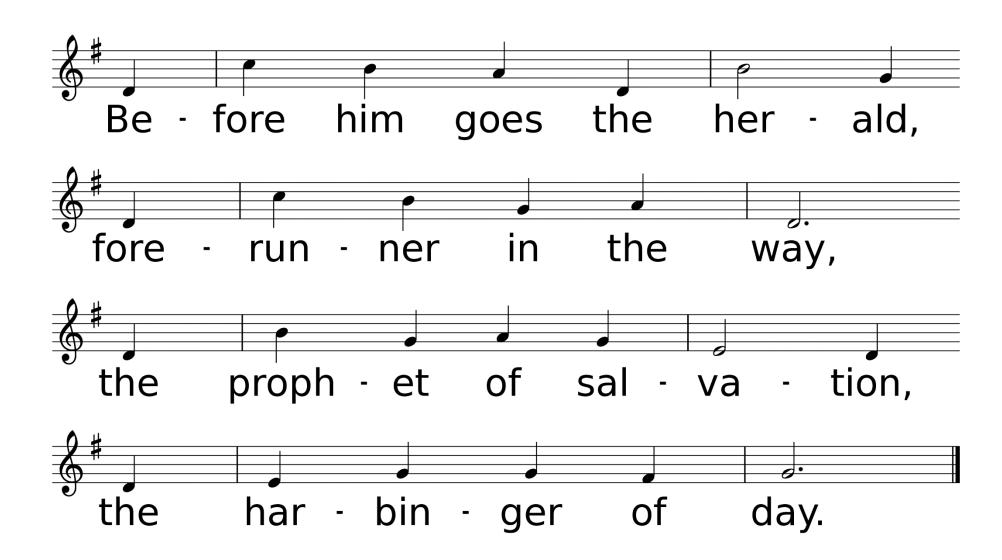
Hymn of Faith Blessed Be the God of Israel

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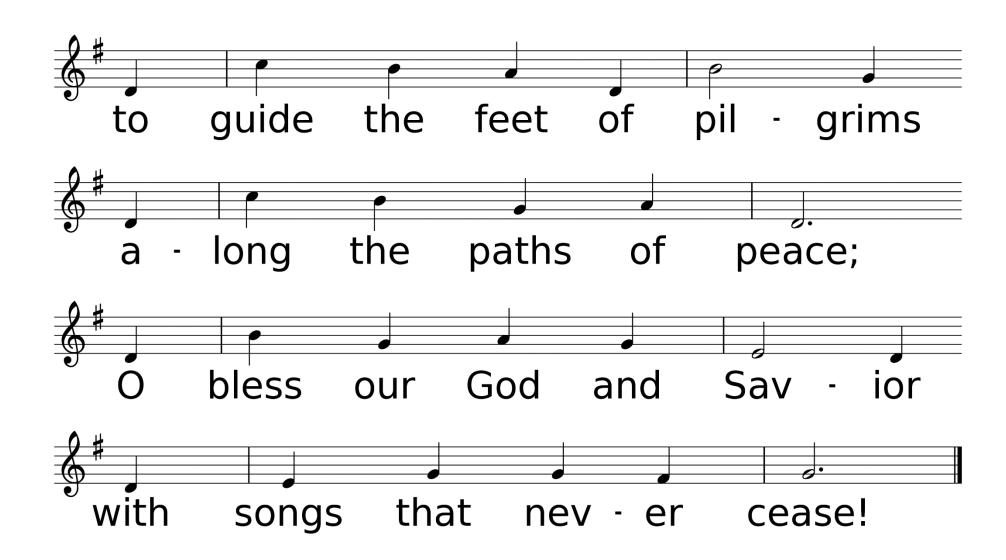












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O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

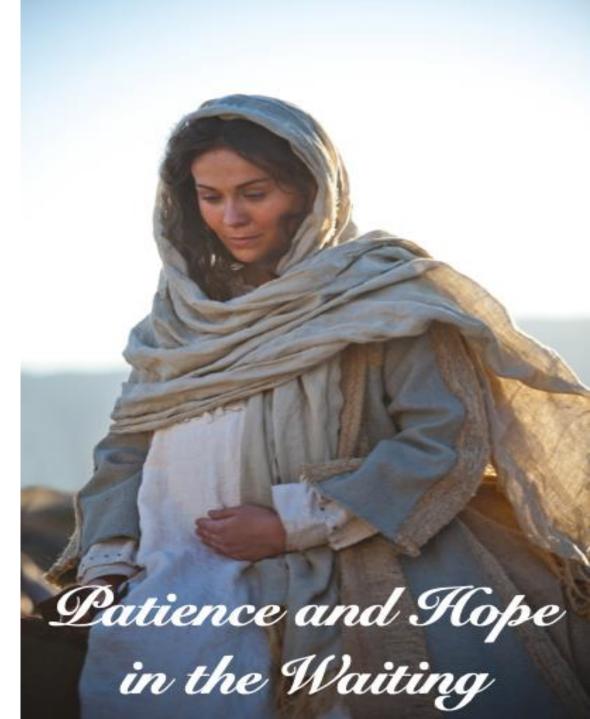
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed.

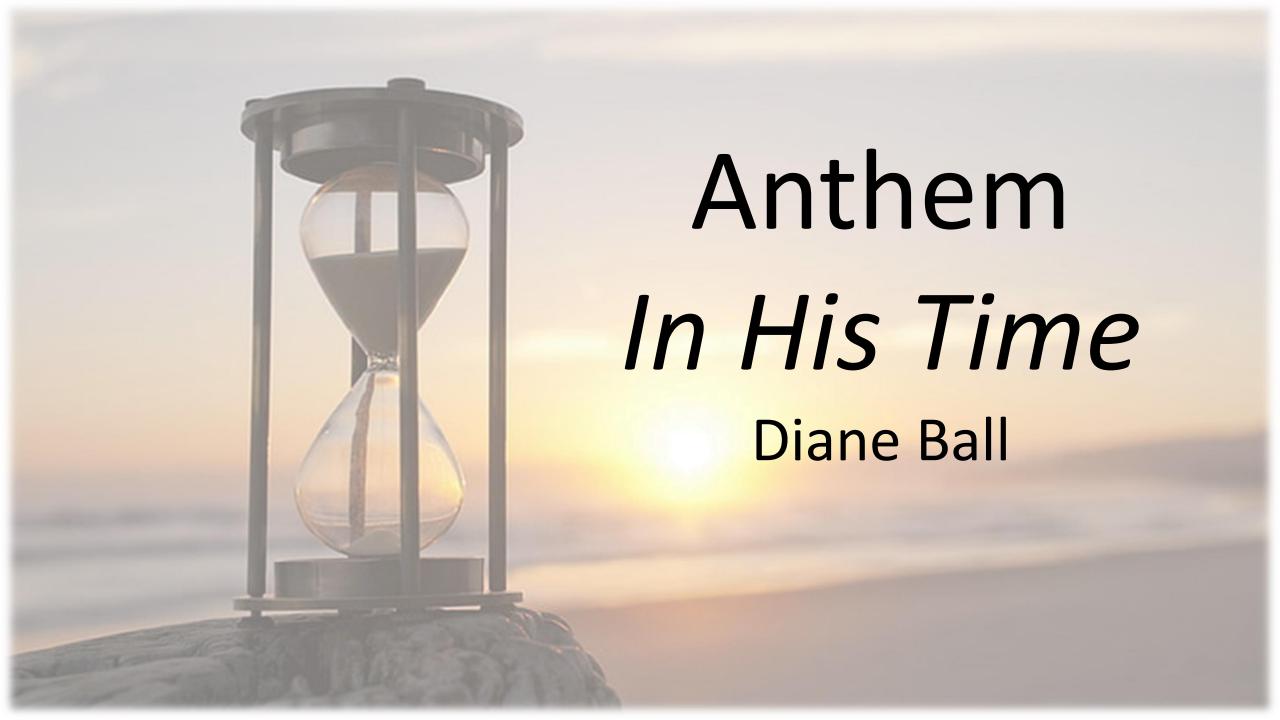
We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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Sermon Rev. Laraine Waughtal





*Hymn of Invitation My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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