

**ANTHEM**  
**O LITTLE ONE SWEET**  
OLD GERMAN TUNE  
HARM. BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY PERCY DEARMER

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

## COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION*  
#545, v. 1, 2, & 5  
WORDS BY SAMUEL J. STONE  
MUSIC BY SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY  
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1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
*GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN*  
#672, v.1  
WORDS BY JEREMIAH E. RANKIN  
MUSIC BY WILLIAM G. TOMER  
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God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

**POSTLUDE**  
*THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR*  
KARL P. HARRINGTON



## "Mighty Messenger"

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79

December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday in the  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*GREAT IS THE LORD*  
MICHAEL W. SMITH & DEBORAH D. SMITH

**WELCOME HOME!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS*  
EVELYN TANNER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God!  
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
who has visited and redeemed the people.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### MARK 1:4

*John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

**We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*PEOPLE LOOK EAST*

#202  
WORDS BY ELEANOR FARJEON  
MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL  
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1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
*I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR*

#397, v. 1 & 5  
WORDS BY ANNIE S. HAWK  
MUSIC BY ROBERT LOWRY  
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1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.  
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.  
[Refrain]

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

### \*DOXOLOGY

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94  
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### HYMN OF FAITH

*JESUS, LORD, WE LOOK TO THEE*

#562  
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY  
MUSIC FROM FOUNDERY COLLECTION  
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1. Jesus, Lord, we look to thee; let us in thy name agree; show thyself the Prince of Peace, bid our strife forever cease.
2. By thy reconciling love every stumbling block remove; each to each unite, endear; come, and spread thy banner here.
3. Make us of one heart and mind, gentle, courteous, and kind, lowly, meek, in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.
4. Let us for each other care, each the other's burdens bear; to thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.
5. Free from anger and from pride, let us thus in God abide; all the depths of love express, all the heights of holiness.
6. Let us then with joy remove to the family above; on the wings of angels fly, show how true believers die.

## SCRIPTURE READING

MALACHI 3:1-4  
LUKE 1:68-79

## SERMON

“MIGHTY MESSENGER”