

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 2:4-7

SERMON

“THE GENEROSITY OF GOD’S LOVE THROUGH ‘BAD TIMING’”

REV LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM

THE ADVENT CANDLE

BY BOB CHILCOTT

*HYMN OF INVITATION

ALLELUIA

UMH #186, v 1

WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAN SCHUTTE
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1. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. He's my Savior, he's my Savior, he's my Savior, he's my Savior.
3. I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

UMH #238, v 1

WORDS AND MUSIC BY TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL
ARR. BY EDWARD SHIPPEN BARNES
HARM. BY AUSTIN C. LOVELACE
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1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

POSTLUDE

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

BY MARTHA PIER



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Luke 2:4-7

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Noisy Offering
Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM



Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE
THANKSGIVING MEDLEY
BY H. ALFORD & E. KREMSNER

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL
BY BOB MCGEE

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Isaiah 35:10 And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Leader: And those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Congregation: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

UMH #419, v 1, 3 & 4
WORDS BY PHILIP BROOKS
MUSIC BY LEWIS H. REDNER
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1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent star go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

Congregation: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER
HE TOUCHED ME

UMH #367
WORDS AND MUSIC BY WILLIAM J. GAITHER
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1. Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Refrain: He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls. [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S

TITHES & GIFTS - NOISY OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94, UMH
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!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH
PEOPLE LOOK EAST

UMH #202
WORDS BY ELEANOR FARJEON
MUSIC TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL
HARM. BY MARTIN SHAW
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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.

Refrain: 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.

[Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]