

David's UCC on November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – *Tim Williams*

(please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by David Lanz

"Simple Gifts" Shaker Hymn, arr. by Liz Story

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: Hope – *Sophia and Cate Shannon*

Call to Worship – (Isaiah 2: 3 – 4)

One: Hear the invitation of the prophet Isaiah: Come, let us go up to God's holy mountain,

Many: That we may learn to walk in all God's ways,

One: For God will judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples,

Many: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

One: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: Let us come before God to learn the ways of peace.

Invocation – *Mark Anthony*

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Special Music –

"O Sing Unto the Lord"

– David's Handbell Choir – *Mark and Jenny Miller, Peggy Van Deursen, Ted Eltzroth, Matt Teeters, Raymonde Rougier, Kevin Craig, and Andy Randall*

Canticle – Psalm 80: 1 – 7, 17 – 19 (Adapted from NRSV & The Message)

One: Listen, Shepherd, Israel's Shepherd – get all your Joseph flock together!

Many: Throw beams of light from your dazzling throne

One: So all your tribes can see where they're going.

Many: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

One: Restore us, O God;

Many: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Many: You put us on a diet of tears, bucket after bucket of salty tears to drink.

One: We look ridiculous to our friends, while our enemies poke fun day after day.

Many: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: Then take the hand of your favorite children, those you raised from childhood.

Many: We will never turn our back on you; breathe life into our lungs so we can shout your name!

One: Restore us, O God;

Many: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **We confess, O God, that we do not take seriously your coming into our lives. We often fail to live lives filled with hope, joy, or love. In the lights and hustle and bustle of this coming season, we lose sight of your loving purpose for our lives and the world we share. We do not believe that salvation is near; we do not act uprightly, loving you, our neighbors, or ourselves; nor do we bend our swords and spears. Forgive us, we pray, that we might once again walk in your light, choosing for the world of our Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

(Tim will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set all people free;
From our fears and sins release us; grant us your true liberty.**
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart;
Dear desire of every nation, enter every longing heart.**
- 3. Born all people to deliver, born a child, you came to reign!
Born to rule on earth forever, come, be known to us again.**
- 4. By your own eternal Spirit, come to claim us as your own;
By your all-sufficient merit, let us share your cross and crown.**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Isaiah 64: 1 – 9

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24 – 37

Sermon – “Awaking Hope, and the Work that Goes With It”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Charles Wesley, arr. by Craig Curry

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