



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Improvisation on* Veni Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Music Ministries - Jessie Day and Jim O'Dell

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope.

On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

*HYMN No. 211 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord, we have pulled out the Advent wreath, the Christmas tree, the poinsettias.

**We dusted off the hymns, unsung for a year,
and unearthed the words of your prophets.**

Yet, in your eyes, these efforts are for nothing
**without the regular, persistent, deep pursuit
of justice for all people.**

Our efforts are hollow without consistent work toward peace, reconciliation,
and participation in your mission for creation.

**In our hearts, we do long to be your people,
to carry out your mission,
to be lights in the darkness—
proof that no darkness can overcome your truth.**

ANTHEM *Without Love It Will All Pass Away* Beall/Larson

If I speak in tongues of angels and men,
Without love, I am nothing at all.
If I have the power to see beyond today, without love,
It will all pass away.
If my faith is great and mountains can be moved,
Without love, I am nothing at all.
If I give the poor all the things I hold so dear, without love,
It will all disappear.
Love is patient. Love is kind. Love rejoices in the truth.
Love will never fail though all may cease to be.
Love is God's eternal gift and mystery.

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Chancel Choir

Awaken us to action. Stir us to courage.

**Rouse us to prepare a way in the wilderness for your coming,
clearing the brush of oppression, racism,
injustice, and hopelessness—
so that all may see your light and perceive your coming. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Little Bethlehem Town* Rojahn/Dengler
Little Bethlehem town, people wandering up your streets and people wandering
down; Little did they know, little could they tell that in a stable near the inn is born Em-
manuel.

Glory to God on high and peace to all, goodwill!
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Chancel Choir

SERMON "Worship Fully"
Luke 1:26-33; 46-55
Reflection

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior,
for he looks with favor upon us and sees our unrealized potential.**

**In the tradition of Mary, and all who have said "yes" to God,
we stand here today, to add our assent to theirs.**

Like Mary, we feel overwhelmed; we wonder if we are worthy,
or capable, of following the calling. Like Mary, we have our questions
and we will not be afraid to ask them. Like Mary, we will hear and ponder
the assurance that God will empower us. Like Mary we will strive to say -
"Let it be with us according to your will."

To whatever God is inviting of us at this time in our lives, and relying on God's
grace, we say "yes."

CALL TO PRAYER *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Taize

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS

HYMN No. 204 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* (Please sing two times)

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN No. 202 *People Look East*

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on People Look East*