

loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”¹⁰ He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. ¹² You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

Sermon
A Son is Given

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Kyle Mazur

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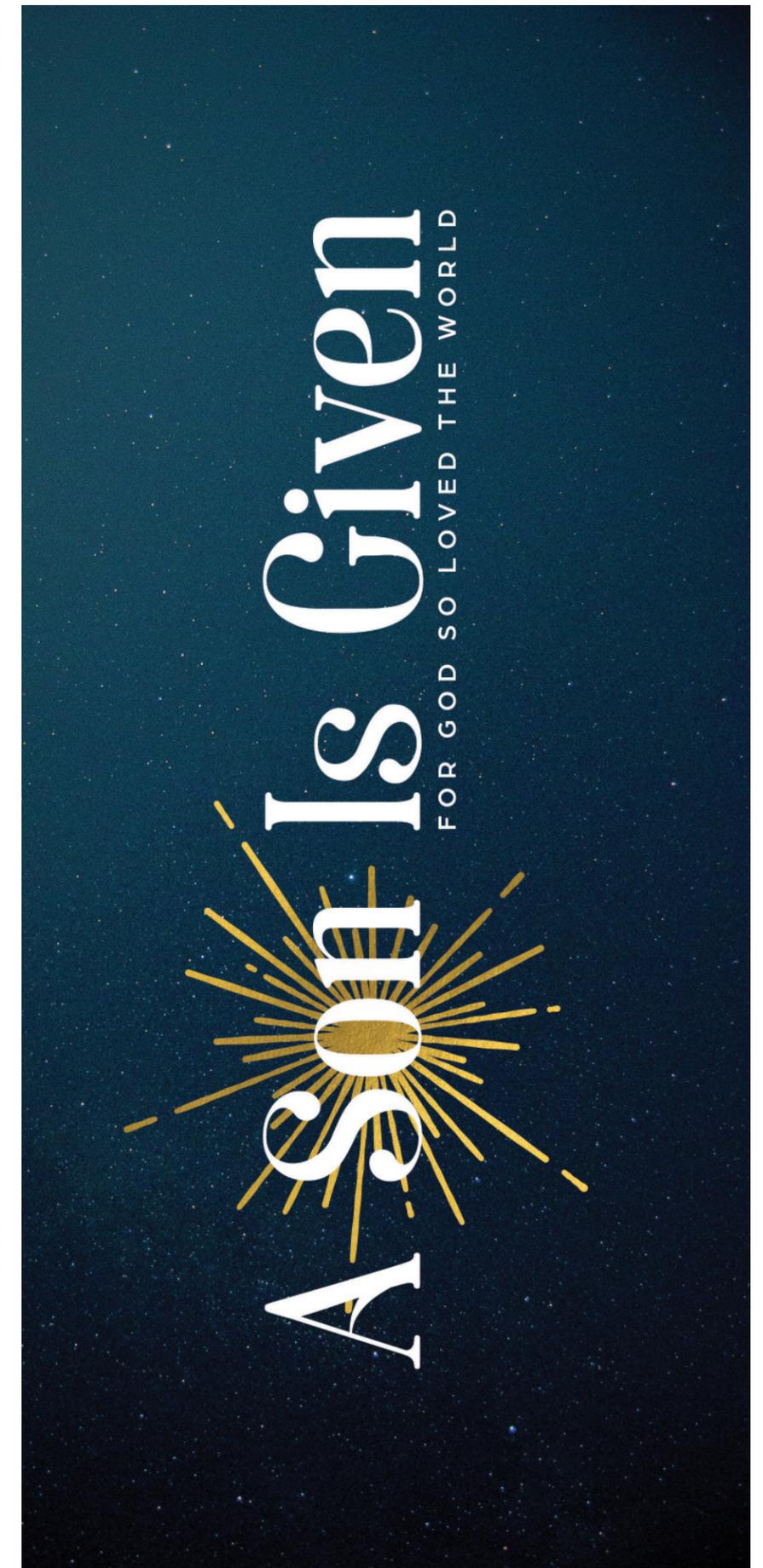
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Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Daniel Sachs
Prelude in B-Flat Major J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:1-5) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God;

People: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, and her sin has been paid for.

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord!

People: Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God!

Leader: Every valley shall be raised up, and every mountain and hill made low.

People: The rough ground shall become level and the rugged places a plain.

Leader: And the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

All: And all mankind together will see it, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

*Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave. (Refrain)

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light! (Refrain)

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill all the world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

Lighting the Advent Candle
A Son is Given

The Bondurant Family

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. John Morris

Lord Jesus, one day you will return in glory with all your angels to judge the earth. We do not know the day or the hour, but you command us to watch, wait and be ready. And yet, we are restless and impatient people. We find it hard to wait. Instead of waiting, we lose hope. Instead of watching, we slumber and sleep. Instead of being ready, we are unprepared. Instead of serving our Master and doing our duty, we are lazy and negligent. Instead of being good stewards, we bury our talents in the field to keep them safe. Lord, forgive us. Lord, have mercy on us. By your Holy Spirit, awaken us this morning. Fill our hearts with longing and desire for your return. And if you should come today, may we be found faithful, ready and rejoicing. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* *Response Emmanuel, Emmanuel*
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Prayers of the People

Andrew Johnson 8:30
Skyler Gerald 10:00

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication The Rev. John Morris

Offertory

Thanksgiving Baskets Slide Show

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Mary Jo Oliver 8:30
Isaiah 9:2-7 Rachel Jaynes 10:00

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
for her Lord comes down all-glorious,
and strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star is risen; her light is come.
O, come, you Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
We go until the halls we view
where you have bid us dine with you.

Now let all the heavens adore you,
and saints and angels sing before you.
The harps and cymbals all unite.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
we gather round your dazzling light.
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained
to hear what joy is ours!
Crescendos rise; your halls resound;
hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-12

¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." ⁸But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have