

CEDAR SPRINGS MORNING WORSHIP

December 16, 2018 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday in Advent

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Call to Worship

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. Bannister

Chorus: Fully God, fully man, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Son of God, Son of man, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, 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. (Repeat chorus.)

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“From the Squalor (Immanuel)”

Townend

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith; to the anguish and the shame of scandal came the Saviour of the human race! But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listened as the angels tell of the Gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friends of sinners, humble servant in the Father's hands, filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man. Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well; yet his righteous steps give me hope again: I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, he was lifted on a cruel cross; he was punished for a world's transgressions, he was suffering to save the lost. He fights for breath, he fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell; and with a shout our souls are free: Death defeated by Immanuel! © 1999 Kingsway's Thankyou Music, CCLI# 74901

“He Who Is Mighty”

Elliot/DeGraide

Oh the mercy our God has shown to those who sit in death's shadow. The sun on high pierced the night. Born was the Cornerstone.

Chorus: Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born. He Who is mighty has done a great thing; Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting, shattered the darkness and lifted our shame. Holy is His name

Oh, the freedom our Savior won; The yoke of sin has been broken. Once a slave, now by grace no more condemnation.

Bridge: Now my soul magnifies the Lord; I rejoice in the God Who saves, I will trust his unfailing love, I will sing his praises all my days.

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Offertory

“Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming”

arr. Bish

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night. This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

Prayers of Intercession

Announcements & Peace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

(After each reading the people respond, "Thanks be to God.")

Psalter	Psalm 23	p. 458, Kids p. 92
Gospel	John 10:10-15	p. 896, Kids p. 216
Sermon text	Ezekiel 34:1-16	p. 722, Kids p. 136
Sermon	"Jesus As The Good Shepherd Shows Us Love"	

TASTING AND SEEING GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Away In A Manger"

Traditional

Instrumental

"He Leadeth Me"

Gilmore/Bradbury/Koch/Smith

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still by God's hand he leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

My heart attest his loveliness in summer's sun or winter's gloom. In darkest times, where I can't see, still by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won, from death's cold wave I will not flee, for by his hand he leadeth me.

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SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Postlude

All first-time and returning visitors are invited to the Visitor's Reception room just past the Welcome Center (down the hall on the right) for refreshments following each morning service. Drop by and let us welcome you.