



## ***The Worship of God***

December 6, 2020

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Eleven O'Clock

*COME, CHRISTMAS . . .*

### **PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

PRELUDE: Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Carol, Will, Jeff, John and Maegan Lucas

CHORAL INTROIT

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge of show, and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Paul O. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ shall be their all!

### **MEDITATION**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

ANTHEM: "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Howard Helvey

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine, love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Paul Kirkpatrick, cellist

### **PROCLAMATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 1:26-45

SERMON:

"Come, Love . . ."

Dr. Wright

OFFERTORY OPPORTUNITY AND PRAYER

*This morning we offer thanks for First Responders,  
the men and women who protect us and our community.*

HYMN:

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ES IST EIN ROSE

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets 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 us a Savior  
When half spent was the night.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that when angry words inflict bruised feelings,  
When broken promises result in broken hearts,  
And when pride blocks reconciliation,  
Love comes home at Christmas.

We believe that when poor choices yield unpleasant results,  
When failure and defeat shadow our every move,  
And when the future appears bleak and unkind,  
Hope comes home at Christmas.

We believe that when sorrow absorbs all of the happiness from life,  
When living is a chore with no pleasant reward,  
And when laughter is a gift we have all but forgotten,  
Joy comes home at Christmas.

We believe that when discord becomes the melody of our days,  
When anxiety stalks us, stealing our sleep at night,  
And when war is the pattern of all human interaction,  
Peace comes home at Christmas.

We believe that when we no longer know who we are,  
When we do not feel at home in familiar places,  
And when our spirits cry out to God for help,  
Christ comes home at Christmas. Thanks be to God! Amen!

POSTLUDE: Fantasia on *Greensleeves*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Paul Kirkpatrick, Cellist

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*

Sarah Summers  
*Soprano*

Diana Kirkpatrick  
*Organist*

Erica Timmerman  
*Alto*

Jacob McCain  
*Tenor*

Paul Kirkpatrick  
*Cellist*

Jackson Baldwin  
*Baritone/Bass*