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Sunday, December 13, 2015

PRELUDE

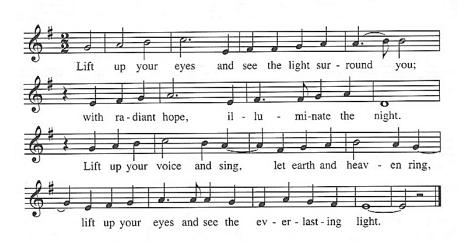
In the Bleak Midwinter - Mark Hayes

THE GATHERING Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Invocation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SOLO Lift Up Your Eyes Lift Up Your Eyes Congregational part:



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L: In a world torn asunder by violence, Jesus says, "No more."

C: "... a new command I give, 'Love one another as I have loved you'."

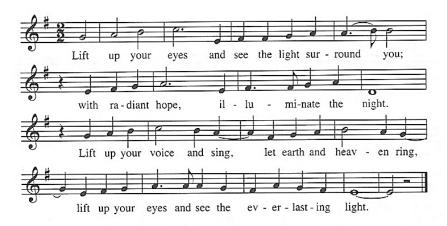
L: In a world where hurting people are too often neglected, Jesus says, "No more."

C: "... a new command I give, 'Love one another as I have loved you'."

L: In a world where another's needs are too often overlooked, Jesus says, "No more."

C: "... a new command I give, 'Love one another as I have loved you'."

L: This morning we light three candles. In a world where darkness abounds, the light of the first candle radiates the hope of God's unfailing promise. As we light the second candle, we long for God's perfect peace to calm our souls and end our wars. As we light the third candle, we seek to share with others the love God has shown us through the gift of Jesus Christ.



Offering Jesus, Our Emmanuel

Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
We need Your presence more than we could ever tell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
(repeat)

Prayer and Dismissal of Children

Gathering Song Bring Forth the Kingdom You are the salt for the earth, O people; Salt for the kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O people; Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace: Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God.

You are a light on the hill, O people; Light for the city of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people; Shine for the kingdom of God! (refrain)

You are a seed of the word, O people; Bring for the kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice; Grow in the kingdom of God! (refrain)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people; Bound for the kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland; Love is the kingdom of God! (refrain)

Song of Praise He Came Down (ELW 253)

He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace; Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; Hallelujah forevermore.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

Response Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18)

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

Come and Behold Him - John Chisum and George Searcy

Intercessory Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayer of Confession

C: Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

EXCHANING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

L: The peace of the Lord be with you,

C: and also with you.

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The 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 and ever. Amen.

Communion Song Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our maker.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of hand, and the sheep of his hand.

Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, the Son + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257) vs 3-4

O come, O come, O Lord of might, As to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times you gave the law In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell your people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - Eugene Butler

Welcome!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day. Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and place of your choosing to answer questions about membership. Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an appointment.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: (*Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45[46-55]*)

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*4:00 Children's Service

★8:00 Praise Service

★10:00 Traditional Service

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

Assisting Minister Greeters/Ushers Praise Team

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