

Trinity United Methodist Church
Worship for November 29, 2020
11:00 Service

Prelude
Welcome
Responsive Call to Worship

Richard Winfree
Liturgist
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L: O God, our light, if ever there were a people who need your light, it is us.

C: If ever there were a place where hope needed to be born, it is in the manger of our hearts.

L: The work of your hands surrounds us, the miracle of your coming confronts us.

C: God of Hope come be present in our worship.

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Volunteer Family

(Volunteer Family: Please Introduce Yourselves)

Reader One: If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

Reader One: We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

Reader Two: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

(Light ONE PURPLE candle)

Children’s Moment
Special Music

“Jesus Loves Me”
“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Nancy Griffin
The Santabones

A Time of Prayer

Rev. Dan Elmore

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. Amen.

Apostles Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria

Chancel Choir

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Liturgist

L: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,

C: you who lead Joseph like a flock.

L: You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth 2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

C: Awaken your might; come and save us.

L: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

C: How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

C: You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

L: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

C: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

L: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

C: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Special Music

"Breath of Heaven"

Becky Ringler

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. ⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Sermon

Rev. Dan Elmore

Offering & Announcements

Rev. Dan Elmore

Special Music

"Pastorale"

Karen Stowe String Quartet

Benediction: *Unison Reading*

Rev. Dan Elmore

**May starlight guide your steps towards God's place of wonder
May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger
May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth
and may faith tell you, Emmanuel will be with us soon! Amen!**