

Trinity United Methodist Church
Worship for December 20, 2020
11:00 Service

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| Prelude | <i>"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"</i> | Stowehaven Strings |
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| Welcome | | Liturgist |
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| Responsive Call to Worship | | Liturgist |
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L: Now is the time, let us pause.

C: As we wait, may we hear the voice of God.

L: Now is the time, let us watch.

C: In our homes, at our work, even while waiting in line—may we see the face of Christ.

L: Now is the moment, let us prepare our hearts.

C: In our words, in our hearts, in all we say and do—may God's extravagant love shine through.

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| Advent Wreath Liturgy | | Volunteer Family |
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(Volunteer Family: Please Introduce Yourselves)

Reader One: We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Reader Two: Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Reader One: We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

Reader Two: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

(Light ALL colored candles)

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| Children's Moment | <i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i> | Kim Orrock |
| Special Music | <i>"The First Noel"</i> | The Dempsey Sisters |

A Time of Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dan Elmore

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: Canticle of Mary

Liturgist

L: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

P: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

L: From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

P: the almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.

L: The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

P: God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

L: God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich empty away.

P: God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Special Music

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Trinity Brass

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-17

Liturgist

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria."

Sermon

Rev. Dan Elmore

Offering & Announcements

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Special Music

“Away in a Manger”

Becky Ringler

Benediction: *Unison Reading*

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**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!**

Postlude

“Come to My Heart”

Chancel Choir