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The Meaning of Memory

Light of the World

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Arr. Hal Hopson
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Introit

Rejoice! Emmanuel

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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1. 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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. 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.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

The Olson/Eichberger Family

Advent Response

Advent Song (v1)

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Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;
we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.

Refrain

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

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.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scriptures

Luke 1:68-79 (CEB)

“Bless the Lord God of Israel
because he has come to help and has delivered his people.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us in his servant David’s house,
just as he said through the mouths of his holy prophets long ago.
He has brought salvation from our enemies
and from the power of all those who hate us.
He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and remembered his holy covenant,
the solemn pledge he made to our ancestor Abraham.
He has granted that we would be rescued
from the power of our enemies
so that we could serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness in God’s eyes,
for as long as we live.
You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.
You will tell his people how to be saved
through the forgiveness of their sins.
Because of our God’s deep compassion,
the dawn from heaven will break upon us,
to give light to those who are sitting in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide us on the path of peace.”

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Carol of the Advent

Arr. Philip Dietterich
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Message

The Meaning of Memory

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Arr. Johann Gottfried Walther
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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Prayer of Confession

All: Holy One, by the tender mercy of your grace, you shine the light of your love into the shadow of our lives, that those who sit in darkness may find peace and hope. Shine your light on us, O God, for we have heard your call to prepare the way of the Lord, yet we feel the vestiges of death cling to us like a bitter frost. Come to us like a refiner's fire and fullers' soap, that we may be purified in body and soul and made ready to make your paths straight, that all may see your salvation. Amen.

One: In Christ, God brings light to our darkness, and life to all who sit in the shadow of death. In Christ, all who seek the Lord find life anew. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Hymn**

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

UMH 198

1. My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.
2. My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.
3. From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.
4. Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure,
leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.
5. Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,
remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

March Recessional

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