

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**December 6, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

Advent Candle Lighting: Love

Last Sunday we lit the candle of hope and were reminded to put our hope in God's promises of a peaceful kingdom. [Light first candle.] On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love. Our God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). We light this candle to remember God's love, which brings joy to the world and peace on earth. [Light second candle.]

\* Opening Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Lift Up Your Hearts #61 (vs 1,4,6,7)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, though branch of Jesse's stem, unto thine own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

\* Opening Prayer

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Emmanuel, God with us, we confess how hard it is for us to wait. Like Zechariah, we have a hard time waiting on you, and we lose hope so quickly when it seems as though you aren't answering our prayers in the ways we hope. Sometimes your timing is mysterious. Sometimes you answer our longings and our prayers in ways we have a hard time comprehending. Take away all the barriers in our lives that keep us from being able to hear you, to know you, and to love you with all our hearts. And give us ears to hear your gentle voice saying, "Be not afraid." Amen.**

Congregational Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25

Message: "Be Not Afraid: Fear of Disappointment"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

- \* Song of Response: "Once In Royal David's City" *Lift Up Your Hearts #87 (vs 1, 2, 4)*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and meek, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;  
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above,  
and He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

- \* Sending Litany

*In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,*

**We trust in the Lord's goodness.**

**We rely on his mercy.**

**We find shelter in his steadfast love.**

*In this Advent season of waiting,*

**Lord, we await your salvation.**

**We await your leading,**

**We await your coming.**

*In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,*

**We walk in the Lord's way.**

**We keep our covenant promises.**

**We follow his example of love.**

- \* Blessing

- \* Postlude

- \* Please stand if able.

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend and Rex DeBruin