

Order of Worship for November 28, 2021

Gathering

Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen. Book of Common Worship

Prelude

“Es ist ein ros' entsprungen”(Op. 122, No. 8)
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Brahms

Welcome

Rev. Robby Cella
Associate Pastor

The FEED

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

Don Guenther

* Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

based on Isaiah 40:3-4, 31

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low.

Leader: The uneven ground will become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: Today we light the candle of Hope, for Jesus gives us strength for today and hope for the future.

People: O come, let us adore the Lord, for the Hope that is ours through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*ProceSSIONAL Hymn No. 135

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

* Please stand, in body or in spirit!

Confessing

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace. We confess to you the ways in which we block the peace of Christ in our lives. The rushing and scurrying to get things done; the worrying about the little details; the financial burdens we place upon ourselves; the impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another; the bickering and quarreling we get into because we are too busy.

Help us, O Lord: when we feel overwhelmed, when we are filled with worry, when we become irritable, when the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us, help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ. Instill your peace within us, O God, and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you. Help us to be more peaceful so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

based on Psalm 85:9-13

Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

East: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

West: *Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.*

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

East: **Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

West: *In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Proclaiming

Psalm 2

*Scripture Reading

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*Scripture Response

from II Timothy 3:16

Leader: This is the word from God's true book, the Bible.

**People: Breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness.**

Sermon Series: Prince of Peace

Message: “Why Do the Nations Rage?”

Rev. Cella

Responding

*Hymn No. 517

“The Solid Rock”

SOLID ROCK

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Meditation

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Chancel Choir

Praetorius

*Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah ’twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.*

A Word about Stewardship

Rev. Lynn Packwood
Minister of Music and Pastoral Care

Sending

*Hymn No. 271

“Christ Is Coming! Let Creation”

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

Rev. Cella

Postlude

“Noël Provençal: Chant du Roi René” (Op. 60)
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Guilmant

The flowers are given in memory of our parents, Glenn and Peggy-Jane Wilson and Edwin and Genevieve Dalka. –Glenn and Janice Wilson

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The Freedom School
(Restore STL)
The Haven of Grace
Inside Out Prison Ministry
(Restore STL)
Isaiah 58
Oasis International Ministries
Restore St. Louis

Baptism Blurb:

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins,
calling on the name of Jesus. Acts 22:16