

## Order of Worship

December 6th 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

### Prelude

Selections from Robert Fuchs' *Duos for Two Violins, Op. 55*

### Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

### Call to Worship

In this season of expectation  
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.  
Into the bustle of our lives  
and the hard-to-find moments of solitude  
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.  
Into our homes and situations  
along with friends and families  
**we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**  
Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives  
**we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**  
In this season of Advent  
**We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah**  
**Amen.**

– Adapted from John Birch

### Hymn of Praise

[\*My Lord He Is A Comin' Soon\*](#)

#### Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Get ev'rything ready for that day  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

#### Verse 1

If you're asleep it's time to wake up  
Awake O sleeper arise  
If you're in the dark it's time to be lit  
Awake O sleeper arise

#### Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Get ev'rything ready for that day  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

#### Verse 2

Come Lord Jesus come into my heart  
Prepare ye the way of the King  
He is coming He's coming soon  
Prepare the way of the King

#### Chorus

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Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Get ev'rything ready for that day  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

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## Opening Prayer

Thank you for the challenges in life that help to build my strength.

Thank you for the times when my lack of resources reminds me of the value of resourcefulness.

Thank you for the mysterious people who confound, frustrate and annoy me, teaching me patience and the art of forgiveness.

Thank you for the difficult path that only I can walk and the purpose that you have for my life.

Thank you for the moments of courage that you give me so that I can live a life of meaning.

Thank you for the moments when I am aware of my many faults, not so that I can wallow in guilt, but so that I can tap into your grace and mercy.

Thank you for sending angels to wrestle with me, building my resilience and teaching me to hold on to what is good.

I pray that you would give me strong ankles for the times when I walk on rocky ground.

I pray that you would give me a strong heart for the times when pain would otherwise break my spirit.

And I pray that even in the darkest night, I will be looking to the light that's coming. **Amen.**

adapted from Better Life Coaching Blog

## Special Music

*Appalachia Waltz*

Mark O'Connor

## Scripture Reading

Richard de Campo, reader

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)*

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the  
heavens:

2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather  
them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from  
embracing,  
6 a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
8 a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

*Luke 7:36-39*

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Resilience – Part 2*  
Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

Richard de Campo, reader

## Offertory

Bach Suite No.1 in G Major: II. Allemande

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below**  
**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host**  
**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**  
**Amen**

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## Communion

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

### [In The Bleak Midwinter](#)

#### Verse 1

In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron  
Water like a stone  
Snow had fallen snow on snow  
Snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long ago

#### Verse 2

Our God heav'n cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain

Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ

#### Verse 3

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But His mother only

In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss

#### Verse 4

What can I give Him  
Poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part  
Yet what can I give Him  
Give my heart

## Back Talk

### Closing Prayer

As I arise today,  
may the strength of God pilot me,  
the power of God uphold me,  
the wisdom of God guide me.  
May the eye of God look before me,  
the ear of God hear me,  
the word of God speak for me.  
May the hand of God protect me,  
the way of God lie before me,  
the shield of God defend me,  
the host of God save me.  
May Christ shield me today.  
Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,  
Christ when I stand,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me. **Amen.**

– Traditional Irish Prayer

### Blessing

### Postlude

*Sleep Away*  
Bob Acri

**Our love in action now begins...**

Our Sunday School is next...

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by the Sopris Quartet.

The Sopris Trio is comprised of ArtistYear Americorps Fellows currently serving as Music Teaching Artists in the Roaring Fork Valley School District. Emily Acri and Delaney Meyers (violin), Julia Foran (viola), and Jeanette Adams (who will be unable to join us Sunday), are all recent graduates from music schools across the country, and are honored to be able to work together in musical service this school year. Committed to being both educators and performers, the group strives to create unique programs that are inclusive and accessible to all. The group is excited for an upcoming recording project with the Basalt Regional Library, bringing a program of Haydn, Danish folk music, and familiar ballads to the RFV community through Grassroots TV. The Sopris Quartet is honored to be part of the Snowmass Chapel service today, and is thrilled to share some of their favorite music with you all! May this music provide joy and peace in a complex and challenging holiday season.“

