

Order of Worship
December 12th 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Strum
Jessie Montgomery

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus, Help us focus on you in this busy season. May we be aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments of life and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Call to Worship

All creation holds its breath.
The time is almost here.
The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.
Excitement is all around us.
Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.
Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.
We gather to make ready our hearts
for the coming of Christ, our hope.

~ Rev. Nancy J

Hymn

Say He Will Come

Verse 1

Say He will come pray He will come
To a sin filled world with His love
Chosen One sent from our God
above

Verse 2

Say He will come pray He will come
And bring peace to all who believe
Chosen One sent from our God in
love

Verse 3

Say He will come pray He will come
And bring joy to all who believe
Holy One sent to bring peace and
love

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Opening Prayer

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. Amen.

– written by John Birch

Special Music

String Quartet in F Major, Op. 77, No. 2 – IV. Finale. Vivace Assai
Joseph Haydn

Scripture Reading

Matt Dubé, reader

Philippians 4:1-9 **NRSV**

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Gift of Gentleness

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Chriss Flynn, Reader

Offertory

Mishima/Closing V

Phillip Glass

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

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Carey Landry

Introduction

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,

gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

1. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

Refrain

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Refrain

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

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Closing Prayer

O God beyond time, we are an impatient people.
As the days grow shorter and the darkness longer,
teach us to wait with faithful expectation.
In this time,
open our eyes and hearts to the Advent blessings in our midst.
May every day be a day of gratitude for your compassion and grace.
Through the guidance of your Spirit,
lead each one of us in the pathways that make for peace.
In the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray. Amen.

– adapted by Rev. Nancy J

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by

Winter Strings

Emily Acri and Heather Kendrick on violin, Abbie
Dreher on viola, and Roberto Arundale on cello

& Michael Schoepe.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Worship Coordinator: Chriss Flynn
9:00am Scripture Reader: Chriss Flynn
10:30am Scripture Reader: Matt Dubé
Altar setting: Sue de Campo
Coffee Service: Mark Breen

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