

Order of Worship
December 3rd, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn of Praise

Say He Will Come
WS #213

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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Gathering Prayer

Special Music

Dig Another Well
Paul Overstreet and Don Schlitz

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9
NRSV

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13:24-37
NRSV

Jesus said,
“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Tearing Open the Heavens
The Rev. Dr. Charla Belinski

Offertory

Communion



Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
RH #245

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring come and
cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to
flight

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 3

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's
peace

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

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volunteers!*

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Altar - Sue de Campo
Advent Wreath - Striegler Family
Collection Plate and Communion
Assistance - Ellie and Bill Striegler
Scripture Reader - Bode McDowell



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