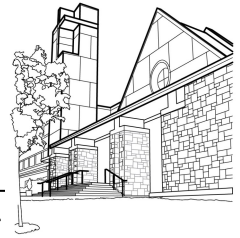




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December 16, 2018

10:15am Service

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory.
-Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is His name.
-Exodus 15:3

The LORD goes forth like a soldier,
like a warrior He stirs up His fury;
He cries out, He shouts aloud,
He shows Himself mighty against His foes.
-Isaiah 42:13

Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
-Psalm 24:8

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
-Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
-Matthew 5:5

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth;
I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
-Matthew 10:34

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
-Zephaniah 3:19

~ The Preparation for the Word ~

PRELUDE

Once He Came In Blessing, BWV 600

Johann Sebastian Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER**

“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.”

The world says, “Worry,”
and we say, “Rejoice.”

The news says, “Fear,”
and we say, “Rejoice.”

The world says, “Be happy,”
and the church says, “Be faithful.”

We pray for hope, peace and joy.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Miguel and Sora Torres, Ian and Nathan

THE PREPARATION

Choir: Prepare your hearts to receive the **joy** of the world.

Congregation:



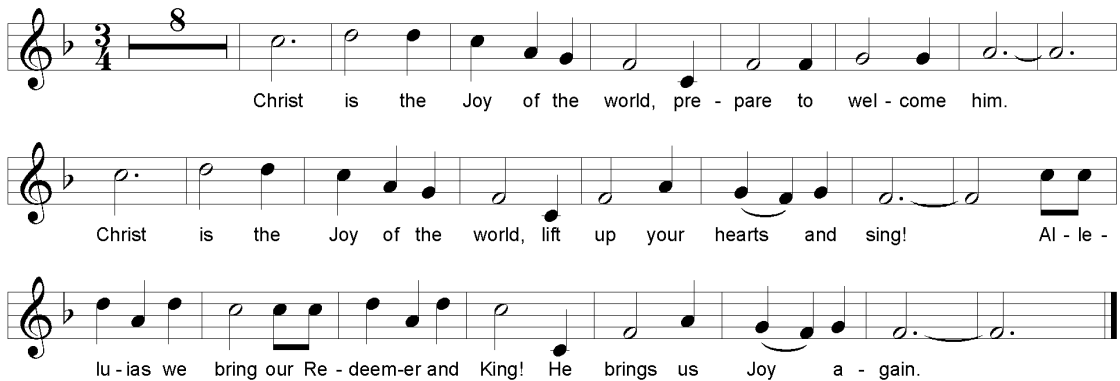
The Family: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; anyone who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Family Member: Why do we light three candles?

Family Member: We light three candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days of **hope, peace and joy** as recorded in Nehemiah, Chapter 8, verse 10. Then Nehemiah said to the people, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

All Family: Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

THE RESPONSE (congregation)



Christ is the Joy of the world, pre - pare to wel - come him.

Christ is the Joy of the world, lift up your hearts and sing! Al - le -

lu - ias we bring our Re - deem-er and King! He brings us Joy a - gain.

Family Member: As we prepare for the second coming of Christ,
let us confess our sin and pray for God's forgiveness.

(A moment of silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 10, verse 2

WINCHESTER NEW

Then cleansed be every life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THANKSGIVING HYMN 13, verse 3**

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

***THE PEACE**

Children should leave to join their Sunday School small groups during the Peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ The Proclamation of the Word ~

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*Megan Young,
New York City Relief*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jim Horton

SERMON

**Prophets Then, Prophets Now (Part Three):
Warrior God**

Rev. Marc Oehler

~ The Response to the Word ~

***RESPONSE OF FAITH**

Belhar Confession

Section 4

Please see the copy in your pew.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNITY

While We Are Waiting, Come

Donald Cason

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Deposuit potentes

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

*Deposuit potentes de sede,
Et exultavit humiles.
Esurientes in plevit bonis,
et divites dimisit inanes.*

He hath put down the mighty from their seat.
And hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He hath sent empty away.

-Luke 1:52-53

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 68, verse 4**

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**To God the Father, God the Son
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise.**

~ The Sending ~

***HYMN 12**

People, Look East

BESANÇON

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach

*You are welcome to listen to the Postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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Our worship has ended. May our service to God and others continue.

Greeters: We thank all those who greeted today.

Procession of Worship Elements: The worship elements are being carried in this morning by the Torres Family.

Lay Leadership: We thank Megan Young, Jim Horton and Miguel, Sora, Ian and Nathan Torres for their leadership in worship today. If you are interested in being a lay reader during the 10:15 am Sunday service, please contact Lucy Ianacone (Lianacone@optonline.net; 201-445-6824).

Sanctuary Flowers: Requesting flowers is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you wish to dedicate flowers, please contact Russell Clark (rjclark100@gmail.com; 201-788-5968).

Coffee Hour: Please stay after the service to enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex.

Visitor Information Bags are available in the Narthex. If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to take one.

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