9am Worship

December 5, 2021

Leaders Order



**PRESERVICE MUSIC** Peg Youngren

**WELCOME and Confession and forgiveness**

….Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GATHERING SON****G**  ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymn 245**

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
born to set thy people free  
from our fears and sins release us  
let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
hope of all the earth thou art  
dear desire of ev'ry nation  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.  
  
2 Born thy people to deliver  
born a child, and yet a king  
born to reign in us forever  
now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*A reading from the Gospel of John: “He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.” John, Chapter 1*

**Opening prayer** [from Choose to Hope](http://www.martyhaugen.net/uploads/PDF/Choose%20to%20Hope%20rev%202017.pdf" \t "_blank)” by Marty Haugen

Let us pray: God our Father, as the flame is not diminished when it is shared from one candle to two, may we share the light of your love with our sisters and brothers. Strengthen our witness that the body of Christ may grow and your light might overcome all the darkness of the world. We pray this in the name of Christ, the one who desires to bring all into the family of God. Amen.

*1st two candles are lit as the singing begins*

**Song** ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn 257**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear  
  
***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel   
shall come to you, O Israel***  
  
7 O come, O King of nations, come  
O Cornerstone that binds in one  
refresh the hearts that long for you  
restore the broken, make us new ***Refrain***

**WORD**

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| A reading from Ezekiel, Chapter 37 | Una lectura según Ezequiel Capitulo 37 |
| 37The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ 4Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’  7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ 10I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.  Word of God, word of life.  **Thanks be to God.** | La mano del Señor vino sobre mí, y su Espíritu me llevó y me colocó en medio de un valle que estaba lleno de huesos. **2**Me hizo pasearme entre ellos, y pude observar que había muchísimos huesos en el valle, huesos que estaban completamente secos. **3**Y me dijo: «Hijo de hombre, ¿podrán revivir estos huesos?» Y yo le contesté: «Señor omnipotente, tú lo sabes».  **4**Entonces me dijo: «Profetiza sobre estos huesos, y diles: “¡Huesos secos, escuchen la palabra del Señor! **5**Así dice el Señor omnipotente a estos huesos: ‘Yo les daré aliento de vida, y ustedes volverán a vivir. **6**Les pondré tendones, haré que les salga carne, y los cubriré de piel; les daré aliento de vida, y así revivirán. Entonces sabrán que yo soy el Señor’ ”».  **7**Tal y como el Señor me lo había mandado, profeticé. Y mientras profetizaba, se escuchó un ruido que sacudió la tierra, y los huesos comenzaron a unirse entre sí. **8**Yo me fijé, y vi que en ellos aparecían tendones, y les salía carne y se recubrían de piel, ¡pero no tenían vida!  **9**Entonces el Señor me dijo: «Profetiza, hijo de hombre; conjura al aliento de vida y dile: “Esto ordena el Señor omnipotente: ‘Ven de los cuatro vientos, y dales vida a estos huesos muertos para que revivan’ ”». **10**Yo profeticé, tal como el Señor me lo había ordenado, y el aliento de vida entró en ellos; entonces los huesos revivieron y se pusieron de pie. ¡Era un ejército numeroso!  Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.  **Gracias a Dios.** |

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 11

**Glory to you O Lord!**

25Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+11&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-26538f)] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

The gospel of the Lord.   
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** **Pastor Carol Book** *The**Book of Hope by Jane Goodall, Part 3, Resilience*

**SERMON SONG** ***Spirit of the Living God***

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God Fall fresh on me **Repeat**

**creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC *Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)***Peg Youngren

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

*Those communing from home can have the elements sitting out on a small table for blessing as the Words of Institution are spoken. I invite you to receive as we commune together.*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

***Distribution of elements: The body and blood of Christ given for you.***

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Prayer after Communion**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pledge are being gathered today and Offering envelopes are available for pick up as well as** Giving Statement (through October) in narthex**.**

**Live Nativity, Christmas Pageant and CDC Children’s Choir**

If you would like to help in any way for this event please contact Pastor Carol, Cindy or Kelly. We will need youth and children to present the drama (working on costumes that fit over overcoats), adults to shepherd them, folks to help set up, and folks to help with the invitation and welcome of visitors.

**Toy Drive –** due today – Donna will deliver them. You still can donate money online.

**Poinsettias/World Hunger -** $12 per plant. Order sheet is on Welcome Center**. Due today**

**Thank you for donations to CDC on Giving Tuesday**

**Coffee Hour in the Red Room**

**Invitations:** Invitations are available on the Welcome Center for the Live Nativity and Children’s’ Pageant. We also have some of the Narrative Brochures to be used as invitations to Bethlehem. They can help you explain our ministry during our 150th Anniversary. By next week we will have an invitation for the full Christmas week worship events.

**Christmas Celebrations at Bethlehem**

December 18th 6:30 Posada with drama, worship and piñata. (no meal this year, sorry)

December 21st 5pm Live Nativity with Christmas Pageant and CDC Children’s Choir

December 24th 4pm Christmas Eve Worship

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**sending song *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* Hymn 452 v 1,2,5**

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.  
  
2 To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.  
  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life.

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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