

Order of Worship – Sunday, November 29, 2020

PRELUDE

Catalina Daggett

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 15th Century French, arr., Thomas Helmore

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader 1: “As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, though you are the least significant of Judah’s forces, one who is to be a ruler in Israel on my behalf will come out from you.”

Reader 2: Through the ages God’s people have longed for a righteous ruler who will speed the day when God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven. We light the first Advent candle as hopeful citizens of God’s kingdom, awaiting the arrival of the Anointed One. Jesus, you are King.

Light the first candle.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v. 1

OPENING PRAYER

Landes Dung

God Most High, who rules over all, you claim and call us all—despite our differences and disagreements—to be your Son’s followers. May your Spirit so fill our minds and hearts as we worship you that we come to understand and embody what it means to welcome Jesus the Messiah, to praise him, and to follow him as the King of kings and Prince of Peace. Amen.

OPENING SONG

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Praise Band

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison

PRAYER SONG

“There’s Something About That Name”

Praise Band

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Allison

God of hope and promise, we begin our season of Advent, a season of waiting and preparation. This year we have a whole new meaning to this season as we face a pandemic unknown for a century. We are so tired of this time, God! We are so tired of the restrictions and the fear and the sorrow and the grief. The increasing darkness of these shorter days mirrors our spirits.

We need the hope promised in this first Sunday of Advent. You have given us hope in the results of not one or two but three vaccines to combat this coronavirus, but now we wait. Just as your people waited for the coming Messiah, we wait for the protection against this disease that would allow us to resume something like our lives just a year ago.

Yet, we realize that for some people life will never be like it was a year ago. Too many have died. We pray for all those who lost someone they loved to this disease. We also remember those for whom symptoms have persisted too long, the long haulers who continue to battle for months, and for those who have suffered permanent damage from the virus.

God, help us to wait with patience and strength, continuing in our diligence to protect ourselves and others. Renew in us the hope of this season.

Christ, we pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering at home, or facing procedures....

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Holy Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in You....

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home....

We celebrate with those who celebrate....

We pray for our first responders, health care professionals, and our spiritual leaders....

We lift up these prayers to You, as well as spoken prayer requests and unspoken prayers of our people....

Silent prayer

We pray in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, saying...

THE 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 have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON

“Presidents and Kings”

Pastor Allison

Isaiah 9:6-7, 2 Samuel 7:13b-17, Luke 7:36-39, 44-47,
Mark 14:3-9, Luke 1:30-33, Matthew 24:46-47

PRAYER AFTER THE SERMON

“Blessed are you, our God, King of the universe. You came to us in Jesus to show us who you are and who you call us to be. I yield my life to him. Jesus, be my Christ, my Messiah, my King. To you, O Lord, I offer my time, my talents, my resources, my influence, and my all to you. Help me to live in such a way that I honor you in all that I do. Amen.”

CLOSING SONG

“Joy to the World”

Praise Band

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Allison

God of Hope, you have blessed us in so many ways. Today we return blessings and thankfulness to you. Bless these gifts and all gathered here that we may be bearers of hope and light to your world.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Where will we go and who will we be?

All: We go out into the world to be God’s people.

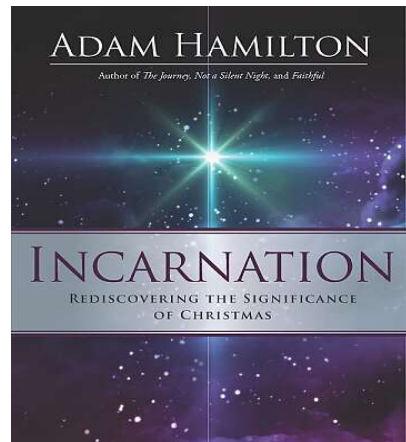
POSTLUDE

Catalina Daggett

“Sleepers, Awake!” J. S. Bach



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***To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for
the Transformation of the World***



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