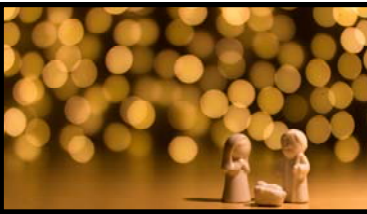


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“LESSONS AND CAROLS”

Order of Worship, December 16, 2018

PRE-SERVICE

Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

AUTHENTIC REVERENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

VIBRANT TRADITION

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASSIONATE GRACE

▲ CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Hymnal, 211 (vs.1,7)

READING 1: GENESIS 3: 1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

MUSIC *“Nun, Komm, der Heiden Heiland: I. Chorus”*
J.S. Bach
Chancel Choir | Giovanni String Quartet

READING 2: ISAIAH 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

MUSIC *“Nun, Komm, der Heiden Heiland: II. Recitative; III. Aria”*
J.S. Bach
Curtis Storm, tenor | Giovanni String Quartet

READING 3: ISAIAH 64: 1-9A

God is called upon to act and come among us.

MUSIC *“Nun, Komm, der Heiden Heiland: IV. Recitative; VI. Aria”*
J.S. Bach
Rhys Wetherill, bass; Peggy Murtagh; soprano
Giovanni String Quartet

READING 4: ISAIAH 35: 1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

MUSIC *“Nun, Komm, der Heiden Heiland: VII. Chorale”*
J.S. Bach
Chancel Choir | Giovanni String Quartet

READING 5: BARUCH 4: 36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because Salvation is at hand.

▲ CAROL **People, Look East**
Hymnal, 202

READING 6: ISAIAH 7: 10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with Us.”

CAROL **Lo, How a Rose**
Hymnal, 216 (vs. 1-2)

READING 7: ISAIAH 11: 1-9

The spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

MUSIC *“There Shall a Star”* (from Christus)
Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir

READING 8: ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-17

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

MUSIC *“Rejoice Greatly”* (from Messiah)
G.F. Handel
Karah Ingraham | Giovanni String Quartet

READING 9: ISAIAH 65: 17-25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

MUSIC *“Great Creator”*
Karen Marroli
Chancel Choir | Giovanni String Quartet

CATALYTIC GENEROSITY

INVITATION TO CATALYTIC GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

▲ OFFERTORY RESPONSE
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Hymnal, 94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ACTIVE FAITH

▲ CLOSING CAROL **Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**
Hymnal, 203

THE ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Taize
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Dr. Dan Cummings, organ

Hearing assistance devices are available

▲ Please stand if you are comfortable

Our Prayers Are With...

Friends/Family deployed, or may be otherwise in harm's way:

Kyle Cassidy Logan Dow	Brian Hernandez Haley Janke	Daniel Murtagh John W. Murtagh	Jared McManus
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Bob Thompson (Bill & Sandra Thompson)	Robbie & Larry Lane (Donna & Marion Jordan)
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Altar Flowers are in memory of **Eveyln Dodd's** 100th birthday on Thursday, December 13th, by her friends Lori, Charlotte, Dianne, Cleo and Joan.

HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00am - 4:00pm

FRIDAY

9:00am - Noon

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CLASSIC SERVICE

8:30am & 11:00am



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