



Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Velda Graham Bell, organ

Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Pastor Jeanine, Pastor Cynthia, Flinner/Harriss families

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We re-light the candles of hope, love and joy. Today is the Sunday of PEACE. Our peace is found in God and in God's Son, Jesus Christ. We need God to work in our hearts and in our conflicted world to help us prepare for the peace that Christ brings. We light the peace candle today to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world.

Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

led by Tapestry

1. My heart cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last, from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain: My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain: My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain: My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

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 trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

German carol, arr. Distler/Liebergen

Mary Whitlock, soprano

Scripture Reading

Sara Hill

Luke 2:41-51

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days, they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he said to them.

Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart.

Sermon

Back in Time with the Mother Mary

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn

What Child is This

UM Hymnal #219
led by Emma Rustan

1. *What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthem sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

2. *Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.*

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

3. *So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Postlude

In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach

Velda Graham Bell, organ



Please join us for Christmas Eve Worship: our traditional Candlelight Worship service may be seen on our YouTube channel at both 4pm and 10pm on December 24. We are doing two premieres so that you will have a chance to greet other worshippers using the chat function. Both services may also be watched at any time after they premiere.

Our December 27 worship service will be a simple service. Pastors Jeanine and Cynthia will greet you, and the rest of the service has been provided by the Minnesota Annual Conference.

The Minnesota Annual Conference and Bishop Bruce Ough have dialed back our COVID status to Red, due to the surge of the disease in Minnesota. **For FUMC, it means the church office is closed** (we will do phone calls and Zoom meetings) and we will not be able to host any groups in the building until the status changes. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeanine, Council Co-chairs Scott Hedlund or Ron Berkeland, or Lay Leaders Cindy Hedlund or Jim Wheeler.

Thank you to Bill Alexander and Alex Flinner for recording, compiling, editing and distributing the videos to create our online worship service.

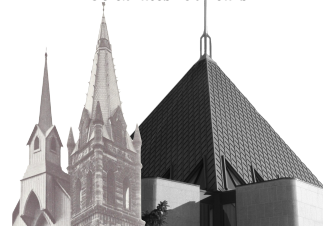
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