



# Sunday, November 29, 2020

## First Sunday in Advent



**Prelude**      *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

arr. Paul Manz

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Love**

Pastor Jeanine, Pastor Cynthia, Rev. Jan Barker

Today is the first Sunday of Advent: the Sunday of LOVE. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. Jesus is God's love in human form. Those who believe in him and live in him, live in love. Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends. We light the love candle today to remind us that God is love. We thank God for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

**Hymn**      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UM Hymnal #211, v. 1, 2, 6, 7  
led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

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 thee, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7. O come, Desire of nations bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Morning Prayer**  
Concerns and Celebrations

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Jesus' Prayer

**Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

**Anthem**      *"Comfort Ye My People" from Messiah*  
Kelby Werner, tenor; Velda Graham Bell, organ

G.F. Handel

## Scripture Reading

Chris Lindgren

### Isaiah 40: 1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.  
A voice of one calling:  
"In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.  
And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

## Hymn

### *All Earth is Waiting*

UM Hymnal #210  
led by Emma Rustan

1. All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.  
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

2. Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,"  
for his name is "God with us," our brother shall be,  
with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

3. Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;  
open new highways, new highways for the Lord.  
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

4. In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,  
yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,  
for he lives in all Christians and is with us now;  
again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

## Sermon

### *A Highway to a Better Day*

Brandon Veale

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

## Offertory

### *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Parker Hinnenkamp, organ

## Words for Going Forth

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

## Postlude

### *Savior of the Nations, Come*

arr. Paul Manz

Velda Graham Bell, organ



*Thank you* to our own Brandon Veale for preaching this morning.

*Thank you* to everyone who has already turned in their estimates of giving for 2021. If you haven't yet, please mail them to the church. Thank you for your continued generous and loving support of the ministries of FUMC and Hillside.

*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.

*Next Sunday* we will celebrate Holy Communion, so please have ready a piece of bread (or some kind of food) and juice (or some kind of drink) so you can fully participate.

*Final call for kids, youth and adults* to participate in our virtual Christmas pageant. There are a few speaking parts and room for lots of singers. Please let Cynthia or Jojo know if you are interested ASAP!  
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