

**First UMC**  
**A United Methodist Community**  
**In Moorestown, New Jersey**

*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

December 6, 2020

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

10:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

Improvisation on "People Look East"

Lasky

**GATHERING MUSIC** HE REIGNS (P. Furler, S. Taylor)

It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain.

It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain.

The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire.

It's ev'ry tribe, ev'ry tongue, ev'ry nation; a love song born of grateful choir.

*Chorus: It's all God's children singing "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, He reigns!"*

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Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.

Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground.

Of all the songs sung from dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.

Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this: (Chorus)

And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard,

'cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word. (Chorus)

*(WorshipTogether.com)*

SEEK FIRST (Matt. 6:33) (by Amy Grant & Wes King) (1992 Age to Age Music)

*Chorus: Seek first the kingdom of Heaven and all shall be added.*

Seek first the kingdom of Heaven and all shall be added.

*Verse: They say we need money and power. They say there's no God up above.*

*Don't they know our Friend in high places? Nothing can be stronger than love. Chorus*

**WELCOME**

Pastor Tom Korkuch

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

**People: The time of pregnant expectation of new life.**

Leader: Now is the season of hope unfolding

**People: The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.**

Leader: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

**People: May our souls magnify God's name and may our spirits  
rejoice in God our Savior!**

**All: Rejoice! God comes to bring the birthday of life and hope! Amen**

## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

### SONG O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verse2)

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. (©1989 United Methodist Pub. House)

### \*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy and righteous God, before you we can only admit our own unrighteousness and our world's deep brokenness. In gratitude, we praise you for giving your Son to be our Savior. In humility, we pray you will guide us now, by your Spirit, to live more fully and freely as your forgiven people. Amen.**

### PSALTER READING

Psalm 24

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The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;

**the world, and they that dwell therein.**

For he hath founded it upon the seas,

**and established it upon the floods.**

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

**or who shall stand in his holy place?**

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

**who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.**

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

This is the generation of them that seek him,

**that seek thy face, O Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up,

ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

**Who is this King of Glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up,**

**ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### MUSIC MINISTRY LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES (by Georg Weiszel)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;

the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;

let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name! *(Public Domain)*

EMMANUEL *(by Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash) (2009 Worshiptogether.com)*

What hope we hold this starlit night: a King is born in Bethlehem.

Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age, Four hundred years can He be found?

But broken by a baby's cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

*Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel.*

The Son of God, here, born to bleed; a crown of thorns would pierce His brow.  
And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings,  
praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell. Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
praise His name, Emmanuel. Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 3:1-12

**3** In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”<sup>[a]</sup> **3**This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” **4**Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5**Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, **6**and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8**Bear fruit worthy of repentance. **9**Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. **10**Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with<sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. **12**His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

### **SERMON**

“Incarnation: Regaining Your Christmas Senses”

Pastor Tom Korkuch

### **LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

**CLOSING MUSIC** HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED (by James Montgomery)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever; that name to us is love. (Public Domain)

**COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** (Charles Wesley)

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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.

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. (Public Domain)

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING MUSIC** DAYS OF ELIJAH (by Robin Mark) (1996 Daybreak Music Ltd.)

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord; And these are the days of Your  
servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness  
and sword; Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

*Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
so lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; and these are the days of  
Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise; and these are the days of the harvest, the fields  
are white in the world; and we are Your laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.  
(Chorus)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Barbara Engelbrecht, Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk (husband of Kim), Mary Raroha, Gloria-Jean Opperman, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Barbara Dapper, Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Peg Fagan (mother of Therese Shire, Pre-School Teacher), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber and her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Louise McMeans, Dan LaFon.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Carol Griffith and family on the death of her husband Ron.