

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

December 20, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Kendall

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

People: Come adore on bended knee, one whose birth the angels sing.

Leader: Come away, come away, from your noisy celebration,
to a place of quietness and peace.

People: Come with wonder, come with awe. Take your place among sheep and cattle.

All: Sing with joy, praise God, for the time of promise has come.

Sing the good news of Emmanuel: God with us! The Christ has come!

Leader: Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

***LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**

***SONG** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 4)*

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O living Christ, we need your love today to shine in the dark corners of our world, where loneliness and hatred, war and suffering, greed and lust destroy. Come to us and shine in our lives, that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love on earth. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

CAROL

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice
for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.

SONG

Let Us Adore

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth

to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

CAROL *One Holy Night in Bethlehem*

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7
Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

SONG *Mary's Boy Child/The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

SONG *Noel*

THE FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

SONG *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

SONG *Do You Hear What I Hear*

THE SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-12
The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

SONG *Behold Him*

SONG *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

THE SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL *Joy to the World*

SONG *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC *He Shall Reign Forevermore* (reprise chorus only)

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Robert and Ruth Rosvold to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

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, 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, Donna Lasoski, Irv Elliott.

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