



Morning Worship

November 28, 2021

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

*The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.*

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears. ~ Isaiah 11:1-3

Instrumental Prelude

Kathleen Wilkins, organist

Invitation to Worship

based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

We come to worship Christ

***Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted,
frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.***

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***Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.***

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Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.

Hymns of Praise

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, oh, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear.

Welcome to Worshippers
Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Song of Anticipation
Come, Peace of God
Allen Stowe, soloist

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Karl, Heather, Jake & Kyle Brensike

Words of Hope
Isaiah 40:1-5

Morning Prayer

Choral Worship
Every Valley
based on Isaiah 40:4-5
music by John Ness Beck
Dr. Sarah Spencer, pianist

Songs of Promise
Arise, Your Light is Come
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel

Sermon
Dr. Steve Laufer, Interim Pastor
The Prophet and the Prophetess
Luke 2:21-40

Parting Song
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
O soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are!

Chorus

His word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Chorus

Parting Words

Dr. Laufer

Postlude

Kathleen Wilkins