

Worship Bulletin

Sunday, December 6, 2020

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Nolen

GATHERING PRAYER

Julie Vogel

PRELUDE

"Sussex Carol"
Bryant Denmark, violin

arr. Stan Pethel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:39,42,46-50

Soon after the visit from the angel, Mary traveled into the hill country to visit with her cousin Elizabeth who was also with child.

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to Mary, "You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the child you will bear!"

Mary responded by singing, "My heart praises the Lord: my soul is glad because of God my Savior. For God has remembered me, his lowly servant!

From now on all people will call me blessed because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me! God's name is holy through all generations!"

ADVENT CANDLE – Light the Candle of Faith

Julie Vogel

HYMN 100

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

*My soul 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?
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.*

*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.
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.*

*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.
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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, you break into our lives in large and small ways, but we confess to you that we are not like Mary. When our world turns upside down, we do not praise you and trust you. We worry and fret. We lose hope and do not have faith.

Forgive us, Jesus, for putting so much faith in our surroundings, our money, and the future we have planned. Instead may we put our faith in you; and when our lives take a turn and our way is unsteady, may we still trust you. You are our Lord. You are our Hope. Our faith is in you.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

This we believe! But again and again we also fall short and do not put our faith in you, our Savior. Thank you for never changing, and for your steadfast love and forgiveness!

ANTHEM

“People, Look East”

arr. Tom Mitchell

Rachel Lawson, Noah McMillan, and Shelley Porter

People, look east; the time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able; Trim the hearth and set the table.

People look east and sing today. Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim.

Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today. Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word: the Lord is coming.

People look east and sing today. Love, the Lord, is on the way.

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40:1-11 & Psalm 85

SERMON

“Cry”

Rev. Collin Adams

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

for Emilia Marie Yost

As we celebrate the baptism of these beloved children of God you are invited to reaffirm your baptism.

Baptismal Vows

To the Family

Will you, by your prayers and witness help Emilia grow into the full stature of Christ? **We will.**

To the Children of the Church

Today we celebrate that Emilia is a part of God's family. We are all God's children.

These questions are for you, the children of Waverly Road.
Will you help Emilia remember that God loves her and we love her? **We will.**

Will we share the stories of Jesus with Emilia? **We will.**

To the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Emilia by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We will.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

Baptismal Response “May The Road Rise to Meet You”

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face,
May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Karen Carman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all blessings, we thank you for the means to share. Bless all that we give: our monies, our time and our energy. May our gifts become a source of hope and love to this church family, and to everything these offerings touch. Thank you for letting us be a part of your great giving. Amen.

HYMN 82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our sins and fears 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.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates” arr. Stan Pethel

Our guest violinist today is Bryant Denmark. Bryant is a native of Kingsport and graduated from Dobyys-Bennett High School in 2017. He attends Mannes School of Music in New York City, NY.