

To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn No. 240

*The altar of this church is open to you...come.
 Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.*

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message
 of God's grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.*

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Holy baby, holy child, come to us now."

*THE POSTLUDE

"The King Shall Come"

Michael Burkhardt

Grace United Methodist Church

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Our Greeters today are Jeff & Bobbie Egloff and Betty Dye.
 Today's Acolyte is Delaney White.
 Lighting the Advent Candle is Mark & Pam Brown.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

December 19, 2010
 9:25 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent
 Liturgical Color: Blue

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some "Thy Kingdom come" to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

The asterisk () designates when the congregation will please stand.
 Worshipers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.
 Worshipers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.
Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You are invited to sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads.
 When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back so that all may note those worshipping today.
 Cards are available in the pew for those desiring to request prayer or praise
 for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offering.*

THE PRELUDE

"Once He Came in Blessing" John Leavitt

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!
 All: **We have come to experience God's grace in our worship and in our lives!**

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The congregation stands with the first note of the chimes.
 The lighted candles on the altar symbolize the presence of God's Holy Spirit.
 The Holy Bible is facing the congregation as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.*

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs 1-3)

Hymn No.234

Musical Interlude

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: *“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.” Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”
(Luke 1:47-55)

One cannot escape the prophetic vision in the season of Advent. We see it in the selections from the Old Testament, and we encounter it in Mary’s Song of Rejoicing. In this birth, God is intent on changing the priorities of the world:

...God looks with favor upon the lowly.

...God scatters the proud in the thoughts of their hearts

...God brings the powerful down from their thrones

...God sends the rich away empty.

People: Where do our lives encounter this prophetic vision?

Are we lowly servants upon whom God looks with favor?

Does our pride sometimes interfere with what God seeks to accomplish through us?

Do we sometimes let our need for power and control interfere with God’s work?

Are we sometimes rich in things and poor in soul?

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God’s Name! The Light of the World is coming.

(The first, second and third candles on the Advent wreath are relit.)

God’s mercy endures from generation to generation for those who are in awe of God.

People: We see the light of God shining over the world. We light a fourth candle in anticipation of the wondrous birth.

(The fourth candle on the Advent wreath is lit.)

ADVENT CHORUS

Holy baby, holy child, we await your coming now.

You bring us hope, you bring us peace;

you bring us joy, you bring us love.

Holy baby, holy child, come to us now.

Moments of Silent Prayer

Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer are welcome to come and kneel or stand.

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

“Lost in the Night”

arr. by Kyle S. Haugen

During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me” children, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children’s Church in the Chapel. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to the Narthex.

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

“Knock, Knock....He’s There!”

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithe to your church. May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship. Today’s loose coin offering is dedicated to CAM.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“Come Messiah King”

arr. by Jay Rouse

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication