



Faith

Community Church

November 28, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

*OPENING SONGS - "Love Come Down"

I once was blind, I could not see,
Chains of sin had shackled me
But God in heaven heard my plea,
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
I will sing forever of Your love come down
With my hands to heaven, shout Your praises loud
I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out
I will sing forever of Your love come down

Now grace so sweet, it floods my soul,
And hope eternal won't let go
My debt erased, at Calvary,
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
I will sing forever of Your love come down
With my hands to heaven, shout Your praises loud
I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out
I will sing forever of Your love come down

Well, there's a home beyond the sky,
A song we'll sing for all of time
The grave is empty, I am free
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
I will sing forever of Your love come down
With my hands to heaven, shout Your praises loud
I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out
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"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light:
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim thy holy birth!
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM- Oliver Charles Royle & Caleb Andrew Morin

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Responsive)

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

On them light has shined.

SONG- My Hope Is In You

I meet with You and my soul sings out
As Your word throws doubt far away.
I sing to You and my heart cries holy.
Hallelujah, Father You're near.
My hope is in You, Lord all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
A peace that passes understanding is my song,
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord.

I wait for You and my soul finds rest.
In my selfishness, You show me grace.
I worship You and my heart cries glory.
Hallelujah, Father, You're here.
My hope is in You, Lord all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
A peace that passes understanding is my song,
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord.

I will wait on You.
You are my refuge.
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You are my refuge.

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
A peace that passes understanding is my song,
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord.
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord.
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OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*DECLARATION OF FAITH- Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 48

123. Q. What does the second petition mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

SCRIPTURE- John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SERMON – "What Is Advent For? Clarity"

SONG OF RESPONSE- "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come, thou long expected Jesus,	Born Thy people to deliver,
Born to set thy people free;	Born a child and yet a King;
From our fears and sins release us,	Born to reign in us forever,
Let us find our rest in thee.	Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
Israel's strength and consolation,	By Thine own eternal spirit
Hope of all the earth thou art:	Rule in all our hearts alone;
Dear desire of every nation,	By Thine all sufficient merit,
Joy of every longing heart.	Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

O God, in the sending of your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary, your Word became flesh, and we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. His name is above every name, the Prince of Peace and Savior of all. In him we have been brought out of darkness into your marvelous light. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST (Responsive)

Our Lord Jesus, out of his obedience to our heavenly Father, and out of his love for us, came to earth, was born of the virgin Mary, and lived, and died, and rose again, that we might have light in our lives. Therefore, we proclaim our faith as

signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "Arise, Shine"**

Arise, shine for thy light is come.

Arise, shine for thy light is come.

And the glory of the Lord is risen,

The glory of the Lord is come,

The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.