

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” -arr. J. Innes

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CALL TO WORSHIP/ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING (*Responsively*)

“Hope”– Anita Hermann

(*from December 3, 2017, Worship at Emanuel*)

ONE: Today is the beginning of Advent – the preparation time for celebrating Christ’s birth. We are here because God’s promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. God’s promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst. God will keep the promise to come again in glory. How, O Lord, can I have hope when this world is such an insecure place? Natural calamities destroy. Economic uncertainties abound. Human beings kill.

ALL: I AM *the light of the world.*

ONE: What, O God, is reliable? What is secure? Not people. Not institutions. Not governments.

ALL: I AM *the way, the truth, and the life.*

ONE: I fear, Lord, that evil will win out in the end. I worry that my efforts will be for nothing. I feel overwhelmed by powers beyond my control.

ALL: I AM *the resurrection and the life.*

MANY: You alone, O Lord, are my HOPE. You alone are my safety. You alone are my strength. May I – even with my fears, insecurities, and uncertainties – swing like a needle to the pole star of the Spirit of Hope and Truth.

ONE: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is *HOPE*. Because of Christ, we not only have Hope, but we believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.

MANY: Amen.

- OPENING HYMN #119 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*We encourage masking while singing*)

- OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

O God, be with us in our times of trial and tribulation. Be present to us in our anxiety and our fears and open us to your promise of never-ending love revealed in Jesus. Forgive us when we turn away from your light and embrace hopelessness. Prepare our hearts to receive the promised one into our lives that we might live in hope, trusting that you will be with us throughout life from birth until death and on into eternal life. And empower us to love as we have been loved that we might be your light in the world. Amen.

- WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all – we encourage masking*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

• PASSING OF THE PEACE

(As we greet those around us with the sign of peace, please be respectful of each other's comfort level.)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “My Lord, What a Morning”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 25:1-10** (*page 502*)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Shawn Obarski

Welcome and Assent

Questions of the Candidate (*See below*)

Congregational Assent (*In unison*)

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. We who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise our love and support, and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ.

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized & Benediction

CHILDREN “Hanging the Ornament” - HOPE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#132 “When God Is a Child” (*Vs 1*)(*Sung by all*)

(We encourage masking)

Hope is a star that shines in the night,

Leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,

And none shall be afraid.

Second Reading: **Luke 21:25-36** (*page 85*)

• SERMON HYMN #538 “Hope of the World”

SERMON “Signs of Hope” *Rev. Tim Perkins*

CHORAL ANTHEM “The King of Glory” -arr. A. Lovelace

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through VANCO MOBILE on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.)

SILENT REFLECTION

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “What Child Is This” (vs 3 & Refrain) *(Sung by all)*
(We encourage masking while singing.)

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich, and poor, to own him,
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE - SILENT PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

• CLOSING HYMN #469 “I Am the Light of the World” (Vs 2-4)
(We encourage masking while singing)

• COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

• CHORAL BENEDICTION “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” -J. Fawcett

POSTLUDE “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” -arr. P. Manz

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Questions for the Candidate

Pastor Tim: Shawn, do you desire to be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Shawn: I do.

Pastor Tim: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Shawn: I do.

Pastor Tim: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Shawn: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God,
to be Christ's disciple,
to follow in the way of our Savior,
to resist oppression and evil,
to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ
as best you are able?

Shawn: I promise, with the help of God.

Pastor Tim: Do you promise,
according to the grace given you,
to grow in the Christian faith
and to be a faithful member
of the church of Jesus Christ,
celebrating Christ's presence
and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Shawn: I promise, with the help of God.

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."