

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” -arr. J. Innes

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTRIOOT “People, Look East” -arr. T. Mitchell

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

(*from December 8, 2019, worship at Emanuel*)

“Peace”– Corchado Family

One: This is the Second Sunday in Advent. Get ready for the coming peace!

All: There is a voice crying in the wilderness;

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight for him.”

One: Today we light the candle of peace, prayerfully trusting in God’s Day when there will be plentiful grace, and peace will prosper in every land.

All: Today we worship in anticipation of the day when God’s promise will be fulfilled,

“For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.”

• OPENING HYMN#132 “When God Is a Child” (*Vs 1&2*)

(*Sung by all – we encourage masking*)

Hope is a star that shines in the night,

Leading us on till the morning is bright.

(*Refrain*)

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.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,

Giving a promise of safety and worth.

(*Refrain*)

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

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and non shall be afraid.

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

O God, you sent your Son into the world to call us to live in the way of peace. Forgive us when we turn away from your vision of what the world can be and seek our own way at the expense of others. Enlighten us that we might bring light into the darkness. Empower us that we might beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks. And work through us that we might become instruments of your peace in the world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• RESPONSE #34 “Glory to God” (*Sung by all – we encourage masking*)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

• 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 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Luke 1:68-79** (*page 58*)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Candle Carol” -K. Lee. Scott

CHILDREN “Hanging the Ornament” - PEACE

Second Reading: **Malachi 3:1-4** (*page 889*)

HYMN #125 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

MEDITATION “Instruments of God’s Peace” *Rev. Tim Perkins*

CHORAL ANTHEM “Now Sing We All Noel” -G. Young

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 #677 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” (*Sung by all*)

(We encourage masking while singing.)

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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Choral Anthem "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" -arr. D. Grotenhuis

(This morning you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine at the communion table (wine is red, grape juice is white). We invite you to take the elements back to your pew to be taken there. A Lay Leader will come to the pew of those who are not able to come forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In unison)* *(United Church of Christ Book of Worship)*

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

• CLOSING HYMN #135 "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

(We encourage masking while singing)

• COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prepare the Royal Highway" -arr. R. Hobby

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.

The Offering

The offering plates are located on tables outside the sanctuary, we are thankful for any gift which helps us accomplish Christ's ministry through Emanuel Church.

Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”