

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship: "Love Divine / Come Thou Long
Expected Jesus"

Invitation to Worship:

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Based on #1)

4 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in deep love and heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: The Candle of Love

Prayer:

Generous One, thank you for all the ways we are loved.
Thank you for all the ways we can love. Teach us to listen
closely to each other, and to our world, for all of the ways
and places love is shared. Amen.

Welcome and The Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Musical Offering: "Angels are Making Their Rounds"

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45 & 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: "All You Need Is Love! Really?"

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WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Hymn: "People Look East" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

#9

- 1 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.

- 4 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.

- 5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth**
Christ 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.

Call to Prayer: (We join in a spirit of prayer with the singing bowl)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation

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, the power and the glory, forever,
and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

Song of Dedication: "In The Bleak Mid-Winter" (vs. 4) #55

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him - give my heart. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #64

- 1 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.**
- 2 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 the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.**
- 3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

- 4 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.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Departing Song: "Prepare the Way" (Sung 2x) #10

**Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a straight path for him, make a straight path;
prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go: "Angels We Have Heard
On High" (Arr. Cindy Berry)**

