

Prelude | Good King Wenceslas

Welcome | Rev. Joel Kady, Director of Community & Mission

Call to Worship | Jeremiah 33:14-16

All: 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. 'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.'

Song of Praise | Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Song of Praise | Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

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When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love

Prayer of Adoration (*concluded by 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 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 and ever. Amen.

Silent Praise and Thanksgiving

Doxology | All Ye Who Are of Tender Heart

All ye who are of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O praise him Alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on him cast your care
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their creator bless
And worship him with humbleness
O praise him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the spirit Three in One
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement | 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Song of Praise | Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly
Heaven's highest love come down
For the poor you left your glory
And you laid aside your crown
Weak and helpless here you slumber
In a stable with your mother
As the shepherds gather 'round
Do they know you've left your crown?

Infant holy, infant lowly
You who once held heaven's power
Now you lie here cold and hungry
In the silent midnight hour

With your parents wrapped in worry
Still exhausted from their journey
You were helpless in that hour
Yet you set aside your power

Infant holy, infant lowly
King of kings and Lord of lords
You have come to us with nothing
As the poorest of the poor
So we come to you in wonder
See you helpless as you slumber
And we lay our gifts before
Christ the Savior weak and poor

Prayers of the People

Greeting & Announcements | Join one of our Christmas Eve services. Details: redeemerws.com/advent

Scripture Reading and Lighting of the Advent Wreath | Isaiah 35:1-10

¹ The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹ No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,

¹⁰ and those the Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Sermon | *The Sacred Promise: Home* by Rev. Andrew Field

Song of Response | Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Closing Song | Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And fair the twinkling starry host

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forever more be Thine

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Worship Musicians

Carmen Cancél, Song Leader

Lou Garrett, Mandolin

Mary Gatchell, Song Leader

Sung Kim, Acoustic Guitar

Brandon Lewis, Drums

Leo Traversa, Bass

Chris Weldon, Piano

Song Credits

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