



In Essentials...

UNITY

In Non-essentials...

LIBERTY

In All Things...

CHARITY

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

December 13, 2020

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him.
God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

Meditation

*Let the stable still astonish:
Straw-dirt floor, dull eyes,
Dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen;
Crumbling, crooked walls;
No bed to carry that pain,
And then, the Child,
Rag-wrapped, laid to cry
In a trough.
Who would have chosen this?
Who would have said: ‘Yes,
Let the God of all the heavens and earth
Be born here, in this place?’*

*Who but the same God
Who stands in the darker, fouler rooms
of our hearts and says, ‘Yes,
let the God of Heaven and Earth be born here –
In this place.’*

~Leslie Leyland Fields

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

John & Sylvia Myers

Prelude

‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’

Kristina Woodson Graham, Violin

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 146) Paula Keefer-Herter, Lay Assistant

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mere men, who cannot save.

People: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, and he upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down. Let us praise the Lord!

***Praise and Worship** ‘What A Savior’

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we thank you that we can come to you in our poverty, and yet you accept us. You don’t wait to see the size of our gift, nor does your welcome depend on our abilities. You treat us not as the accused who must put up a good case, but as children with a secure place in your heart. Yet it is all too easy for us to take this for granted and presume upon your love. Help us to remember what it cost you to treat us in this way. The manger and the cross are reminders both of our shame and of your love. Keep the price of our redemption in our minds, and move within us to greater acts of service, whatever the risk or cost. . . .(silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Creed** from The Westminster Confession

God guarantees the adoption of all those who are justified in and for the sake of his only son, Jesus Christ. Those adopted enjoy the liberties and privileges of God’s children, have his name put on them, receive the Spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, and are enabled to cry, Abba, Father. They are pitied, protected, provided for, and disciplined by him as a father. They are never cast off, however, and are sealed until the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Testimony Melissa Ziegler, Ruling Elder

Anthem ‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’ Cup Church Bell Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:12-16, 2:13-23
Lg. print #1496/ pew #681
Leader: The Word of the Lord ~
People: Thanks be to God ~
Lg. print NEW ED. #1468

Sermon ‘The Exile and Christmas’ Rev. Scott Graham
Series: Jesus’ Family Tree of Faith – and Ours

Pastoral Prayer and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

***Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dismissing Hymn No. 137** ‘What Child is This?’

***Benediction**

Postlude ‘Angels We Have Heard on High’ ~ Traditional French Melody

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