

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prepare Thyself, Zion

J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The candle of Joy will be lit by Alison Underwood.

INTROIT

Cry Out with Joy and Gladness (from Isaiah 12)

M. Guimont

Jordan Durham, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Isaiah 12:2-6)

Leader: Surely God is my salvation;

People: We will trust, and will not be afraid,

Leader: For the LORD GOD is our strength and our might;

People: God has become our salvation.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously;

People: Let this be known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

People: For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*HYMN #11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God: we acknowledge that we have not rejoiced in Your coming Kingdom. You have offered us Your love, but we have held back our hearts from You. Forgive us for those sins which we remember before You now, and blot out those sins which we are too blind to see, or too afraid to admit, even to ourselves. Bestow to us, O Lord, the mercy of Your Son. Pardon us for the sake of Jesus Christ, and in Whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Will We Know Him?

Don Besig

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In You, O Lord, there is only light, Shine Your light upon Your Word that in hearing it we may be renewed and in receiving it we may put it to work for the goodness of Your kingdom. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121 and Luke 1:46-55

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Journey to an Advent

Rev. Ray Mendenhall

*HYMN #48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
verses 1 and 2

VENI EMMANUEL

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

*POSTLUDE

Arise, O Christian People

arr. J. S. Behnke

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Thank you Rev. Ray Mendenhall for supplying our pulpit this morning.