

## Second Sunday of Advent – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 9:15 am

Announcements (Slides)

Organ Prelude

Advent Wreath Lighting (Video)

*Candle of Peace*

Derek & Amy Wolf and Jeanne Arseneau

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v.1-5)

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Opening Prayer (Responsive, Psalm 80: 1-3)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before the tribes. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Amen.**

**The Voice of the Prophet Isaiah 40: 3-5**

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;

The uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Music Response (Video)

*A Voice in the Desert*

Voices in Praise Youth Choir, Director: Holly Reynolds Lee

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and righteous God, in your presence, we admit our own faults and limitations in the midst of the world's brokenness. In gratitude, we praise you for sending your Son to be our Savior.

In humility, we pray that you will guide us now, by your Spirit, to live more fully and freely as your forgiven people. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance** (Isaiah 43: 18-19 & 25)

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I, *I am He*, who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Music Response (Video)

*My Deliverer Is Coming*

Rich Mullins

Sermon

"Incarnation: Savior"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

**Reflection**

**Communion & The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction & Sending Forth**

**Closing Praise Music**

Faith Under Fire

**Offering Our Gifts to God**



***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
**Refrain**

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
**Refrain**

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
Before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.  
**Refrain**

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.  
**Refrain**