

ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 13, 2020
The Third Sunday of Advent
11:00am
St. John's United Methodist Church

Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Matthew Greer

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Mark Miller

Invocation

Call to Worship

Come once more, with eager longing,
to receive the promises of God.

**Out of the desert places of our lives
we gather with joy and gladness.**

Happy are those who help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**Our God has promised that lonely places and deserts will be glad
and blossom as the rose.**

Come once more, with eager longing,
and bless the holy name of our God.

Come, Emmanuel!

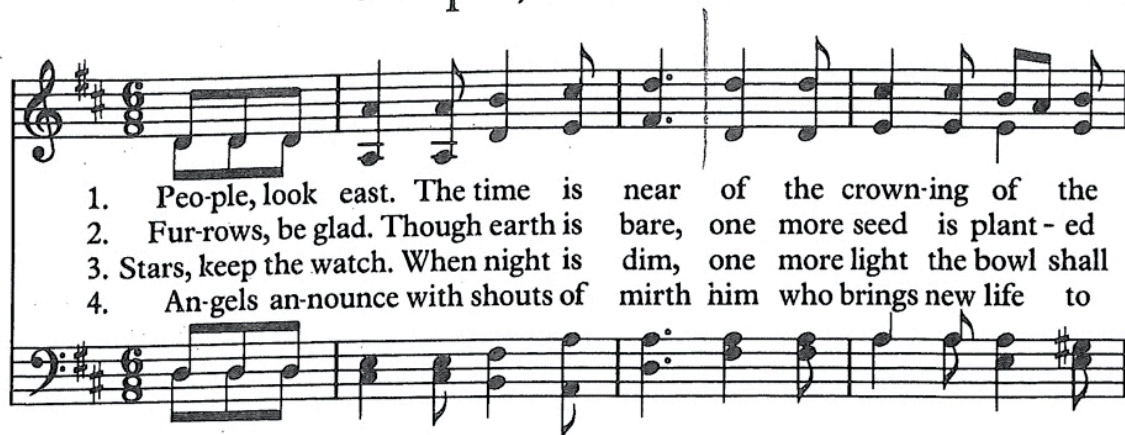
Come, Emmanuel!

Hymn

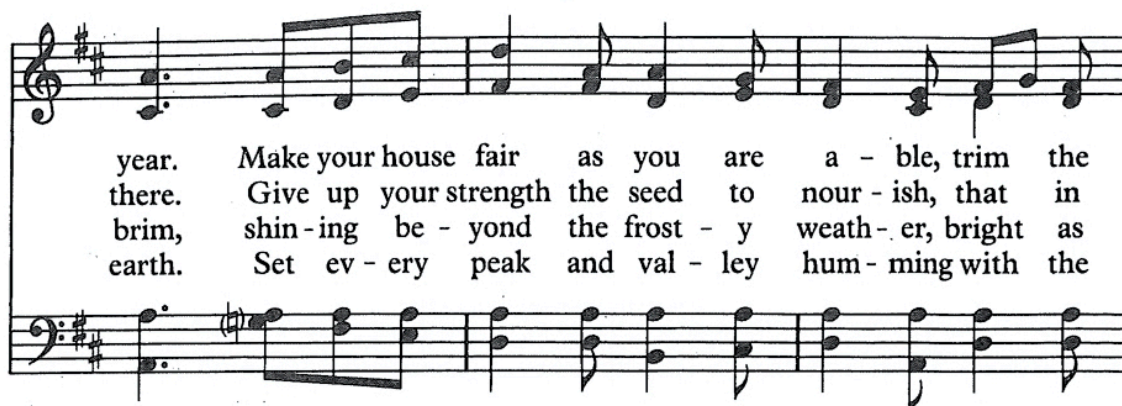
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People, Look East

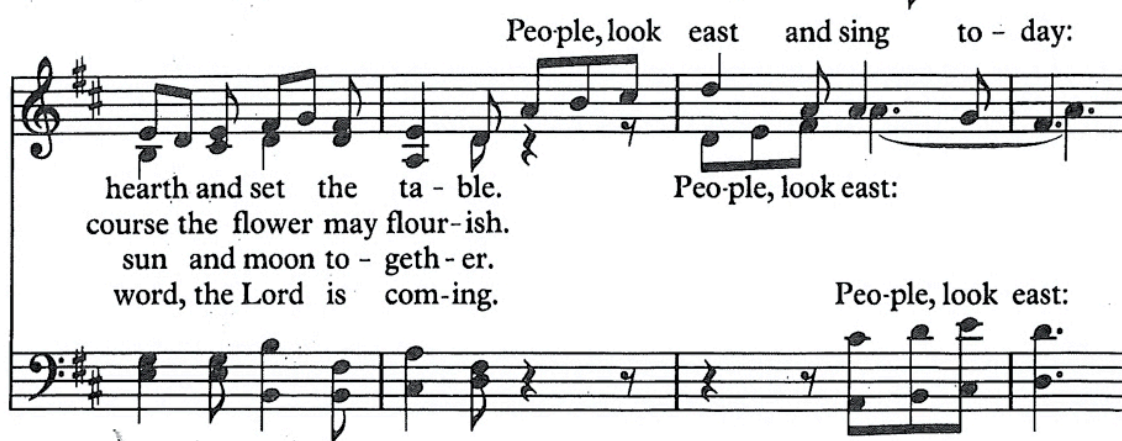
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1. Peo-ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
 4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
 there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
 brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
 earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the



People, look east and sing to - day:
 hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
 course the flower may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing. Peo-ple, look east:



Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928

MUSIC: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928

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Advent Candle Liturgy

The Storm Family

Musical Response

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**Watch, watch for Christ is near,
the promised Son of God most dear.
Joy, joy, his light will clear
The shades of death and sin.**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Invitation to Give

*Go to stjohns-abq.org to give online.
You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

Jim Ahrend

Doxology

UMH 221

**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.**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

UMH 242

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1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;
 2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;
 3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;

Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where - with for sa - cred sign?
 love to God and all men,* love for plea and gift and sign.

*"neighbor" may be substituted for "all men"

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by David Evans, 1927; alt.

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Pastoral Prayer

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. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Luke 2:36-40 (NRSV)

Psalm 130:7-8 (NIV)

Message

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

"God Is In the Manger: Redemption"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn

UMH 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

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Unison

1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;
3. On pris-on-ers of dark - ness the sun be-gins to rise,

who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sav-ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn-ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin-ner's eyes,

The proph-ets spoke of mer-cy, of free-dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
to guide the feet of pil-grims a - long the paths of peace;

God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
the proph-et of sal - va - tion, the har-bin-ger of day.
O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

WORDS: Michael Perry, 1973 (Lk. 1:68-79)

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Jim Ahrend

Worship Leaders:

*Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Rev. Kelly Giese
Matthew Greer, Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry*