

**Morning Worship
10:00 AM
November 29, 2020
Advent 1**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

“Practice any art, music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction, essays, reportage, no matter how well or badly, not to get money and fame, but to experience becoming, to find out what’s inside you, to make your soul grow.”

- Kurt Vonnegut

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE The Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, Mission Co-Worker, Honduras

One: We now begin the church year, in Honduras as in New Mexico, as in ancient Israel, awaiting the birth of a savior, ready to breathe life and pump blood into the newborn embodiment of God-with-us. This year more than most, perhaps, this time of beginning also feels like an ending, a welcome ending to a difficult calendar year. We are mourning. We are longing. We beg God for ransom, for freedom from so many illnesses, conflicts, dangers, exiles. We long to rejoice, and we have faith that we will!

Many: Emmanuel, come to us! Ven, ven, Emmanuel!

One: Let us worship God-with-us.

HYMN #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

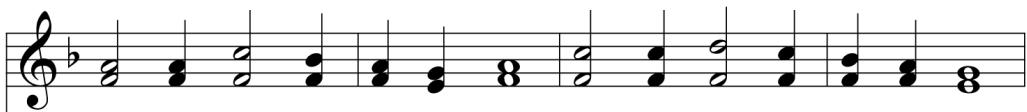
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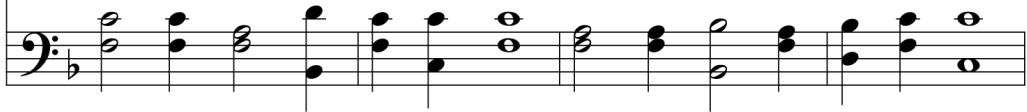
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.



CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Rev. Rob Woodruff, Second; Brianna Benzinger, Kaseman Hospital

One: In this season of hope, joy, love and peace - how often do people receive these gifts from us? As we begin our journey through Advent, let us put down those failures and foolish behaviors which keep us from getting very far. Join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God of Advent, you come near to us, yet we continue to seal our hearts with indifference to a suffering world.

Many: Tear open our hearts, and make us more compassionate.

One: You approach us with bundles of mercy to kindle our hope, but we continue to build our lives with the bricks of bitterness.

Many: Tear open our anger, so we might become more forgiving.

One: You draw near, longing to embrace us, but we fold our arms, closing ourselves off from those all around us.

Many: Tear open our souls, so we might become children of Advent.

One: God, shaper-of-our-lives:

Many: have mercy;

One: Jesus, Word-which-does-not-pass-away:

Many: fill us with your grace;

One: Holy Spirit, Giver-of-the-light-of-peace:

Many: shine through our lives.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even now, God approaches us, mercy transcending anger, hope overcoming despair, life triumphing over death. This is good news, my friends; this is news of great joy for each of us.

Many: Enriched in every grace, blessed with joy and hope, transformed by love, we will live as people of Advent. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO #113

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o

(2x's)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Madeline Hart-Andersen, Westminster

One: Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-9

If only you would tear open the heavens and come down! Mountains would quake before you like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil. If you would make your name known to your enemies, the nations would tremble in your presence. When you accomplished wonders beyond all our expectations; when you came down, mountains quaked before you. From ancient times, no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any god but you who acts on behalf of those who wait for him! You look after those who gladly do right; they will praise you for your ways. But you were angry when we sinned; you hid yourself when we did wrong. We have all become like the unclean; all our righteous deeds are like a dirty rag. All of us wither like a leaf; our sins, like the wind, carry us away. No one calls on your name; no one bothers to hold on to you, for you have hidden yourself from us, and have handed us over to our sin. But now, LORD, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand. Don't rage so fiercely, LORD; don't hold our sins against us forever, but gaze now on your people, all of us.

LECTURA

The Rev. Deb Worley, White Rock

Isaías 64:1-9

Ojalá rasgaras el cielo y bajaras haciendo temblar con tu presencia las montañas, como cuando el fuego quema las zarzas o hace hervir el agua. Entonces tus enemigos conocerían tu nombre y las naciones temblarían ante ti. Cuando hiciste cosas terribles que no esperábamos, cuando bajaste, las montañas temblaron ante ti. Jamás se ha escuchado ni se ha visto que haya otro dios fuera de ti que haga tales cosas en favor de los que en él confían. Tú aceptas a quien hace el bien con alegría y se acuerda de hacer lo que tú quieres. Tú estás enojado porque hemos pecado; desde hace mucho te hemos ofendido. Todos nosotros somos como un hombre impuro; todas nuestras buenas obras son como un trapo sucio; todos hemos caído como hojas marchitas, y nuestros crímenes nos arrastran como el viento. No hay nadie que te invoque ni se esfuerce por apoyarse en ti; por eso te ocultaste de nosotros y nos has abandonado por causa de nuestra maldad. Sin embargo, Señor, tú eres nuestro padre; nosotros somos el barro, tú nuestro alfarero; ¡todos fuimos hechos por ti

mismo! Señor, no te enojes demasiado ni te acuerdes siempre de nuestros crímenes. ¡Mira que somos tu pueblo!

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Vanna Ortiz, Covenant

SERMON

“Being Crafty”

The Rev. Seth Finch, Covenant

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONDING IN PRAYER

The Rev. Drew Henry, Immanuel

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. Amen.

OFFERING

(You are encouraged to go to your church's website if they have online giving, if not, perhaps consider writing a check and mailing it. Our churches need your support right now to keep doing ministry. You might also want to give to the Presbytery's Family to Family Fund, to support those who are hardest hit by the new realities of social distancing at <https://santafepresbytery.org/>)

SONG OF THANKSGIVING #91

Come, Come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emanuel

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Sarah Chivington-Buck, Shepherd of the Valley

HYMN #384

Soon and Very Soon

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Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

BENEDICTION

Seth Finch

POSTLUDE & PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHURCH AND CHECK ON THEM AND PRAY
TOGETHER*

** Liturgy adapted from Thom Shuman's lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and written by The Rev. Dori Hjalmarson

Musicians

Piano, Karmen Van Dyke

Vocals, Jeff Jolly

Technical Crew, Ed Cole, Jack Dietz, Thomas Loyd, Anna Sohn, Clara Storms (not all present)

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