Order of Worship November 29, 2020

Welcome

Greeting

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Catie Christiaanse

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives.

May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!".

Lighting of Advent Candle

Jennifer Clardy Chalmers

"As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, though you are the least significant of Judah's forces, one who is to be a ruler in Israel on my behalf will come out from you."

Through the ages God's people have longed for a righteous ruler who will speed the day when God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. We light the first Advent candle as hopeful citizens of God's kingdom, awaiting the arrival of the Anointed One. Jesus, you are King.

Opening Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	(contemporary)
keep our hearts ex In Christ you have compassion and so May your reign gro Enable us to risk ou	w in all we do as your people. Irselves in ministry and mission, at the image of Christ our risen King,	Rob Koenig
Scripture But you, O Bethleh	Micah 5:2-5a em of Ephrathah,	Liana Cuffman

who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Sermon Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas Week 1: Christmas Comes with a Calling

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Special Music

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

arr. Eithun

Chapel Bells

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Offering Prayer

On this first Sunday of a new church year, we lift a prayer asking God to bless our giving. Let us pray:

Gracious God, You are the God of full pockets and the God of pockets zipped shut; the God of empty pockets and pockets with holes, the God of inside-out pockets, and pockets stuffed with treasures. You are the God of our pockets. You came to show us that life is not to be pocketed but to be given freely, joyfully, sacrificially.

You are the God of full hearts and the God of hearts that are empty; the God of hard hearts and closed hearts, the God of the heartsick and those who have lost heart. You are the God of our hearts. You came to show us that we need not be disheartened by the stress of financial worries.

You who know our inmost being, connect our hearts with our pockets. Be the pacemaker which fills our lives with the steady rhythm of generosity, our pockets opening and closing in love. Even after a lifetime, they'll still be filled with grace, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing. That's a treasure worth keeping.

God of pockets and hearts, bless our giving today and in the year to come. Amen.

Closing Hymn	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	UMH 203
Benediction	Rev	y. Tracy McNeil Wines
Choral Response	Come, Dearest Child, Into Our Hearts	Frazier
Postlude	Trio on 'Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland"	Manz

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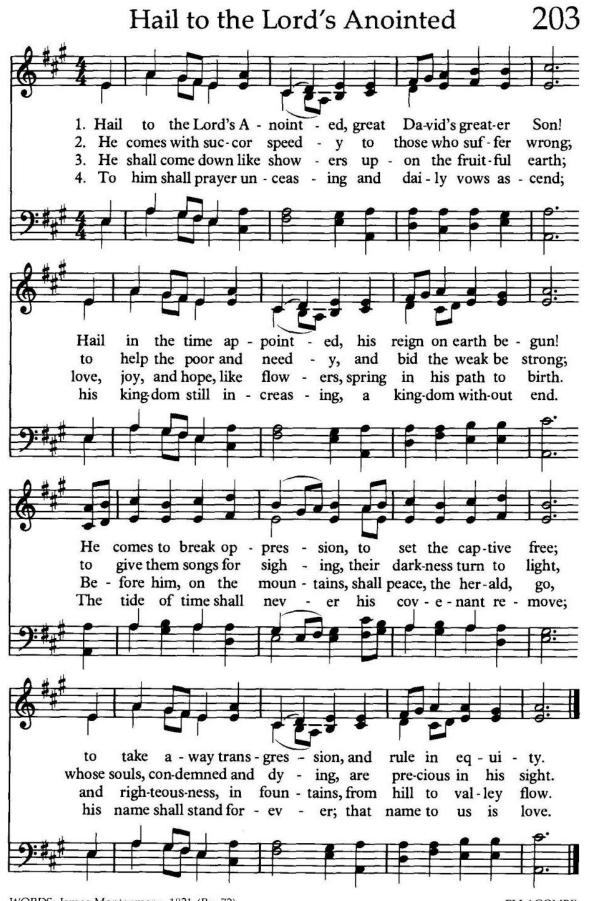
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The offertory prayer is from https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=836

If you wish to read more about our Advent/Christmas worship theme this year, you will enjoy Adam Hamilton's new book by the same name: Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas. Here is a <u>link to Cokesbury</u> and a <u>link to Amazon</u> if you wish to purchase the book.



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