

Order of Worship
November 29, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

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)

Opening Prayer

Rob Koenig

God of Advent, of waiting and hoping,
keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us.
In Christ you have called us to a life of mercy,
compassion and self-giving love.
May your reign grow in all we do as your people.
Enable us to risk ourselves in ministry and mission,
that we may reflect the image of Christ our risen King,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Micah 5:2-5a

Liana Cuffman

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
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
Chapel Bells

arr. Eithun

Offering Prayer

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

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. 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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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 [link to Cokesbury](#) and a [link to Amazon](#) if you wish to purchase the book.*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con - so -
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

203



1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

