

December 15, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Prelude

Call to Worship

Call to Worship from Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, speak to us this season of Advent. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 12:1-6

1 You will say on that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

UMH #70

Children's Sermon

Sermon

The Joy of Salvation

Rev. Wallace Johnson

We hope to find joy in so many different places. What does it look like for us to find joy in salvation?

Musical Offering

I Wonder as I Wander

Deborah Nixon

Affirmation of Faith from 1 Corinthians & Colossians

UMH #888

Passing the Peace of Christ

Tithes & Offerings

Come Thou Almighty King (v. 4)

UMH #61

Reception of New Members UMH #33

Brian & Judy Page

Mark & Jodie Steeber

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1) Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2) Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end, amen. Amen.

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

LEADER: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

PEOPLE: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Come, Thou Almighty King (v. 4)

4) To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

Blessed Be the God of Israel

1) Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

2) Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way; the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

3) On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!