
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member



*Gathering Song:

"I Lift My Eyes Up"

Brian Doerksen

*(please stand, if you are able)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You,
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need You, Lord.
You are my only hope,
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you to come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.

*God Greet Us--We Greet Each Other

*Call To Worship (Based on Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11)

We come to worship Christ

who proclaims good news to the poor,
binds up the broken-hearted,
frees the prisoner
and comforts those who mourn.

We come to worship Christ

who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ

who rebuilds ancient ruins
and restores broken places.

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent:

The Candle of Hope

*Songs of Hope and Praise:

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Burgundy 245:1,2

"In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died;
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on Him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
and as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Advent Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

Open our eyes to the presence of Your Spirit

upon us, within us, among us.

For our apathy in the presence of oppression,

Forgive us.

If we have contributed to the broken-heartedness of anyone,

Forgive us.

For our participation in systems that enslave,

Forgive us.

When we are deaf to Your good news,

Have mercy and open our ears.

When our mouths remain too tightly closed,

Loosen our lips with songs of praise.

Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive our sins.

Hold us in Your mercy, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Confession

"Lord Have Mercy"

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Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...
The people walking in the darkness have seen a great Light; on those living
in the land of the shadow of death, a Light has dawned. In Christ, we are
forgiven.

Offering – General Fund

Prayer for Understanding

Children's Message

(Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 61:1-3

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MESSAGE:

"All I Want for Christmas (I): Hope"

*Song of Hope

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gray 347:1-2

Praying Together

*God's Blessing of Grace and Peace

*Parting Song:

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Burgundy 245:4

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If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.

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“Lord Have Mercy”

Verse 1

Jesus, I've forgotten the words
that You have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart
have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow
the paths of earthly wisdom,
Forgive me for my unbelief;
renew the fire again.

Chorus:

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy on me.
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Verse 2

I have built an altar where
I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that
have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning
to Your mercies overflowing.
Pardon my transgressions;
help me love You again.

Chorus

Verse 3

I have longed to know You
and Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness
ever-flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You
in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining
like a beacon in the night.

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