ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Call to Worship - **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Advent Candle Lighting - We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.  Let us walk together in the light of the Lord!

**Opening Song - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

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

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

Scripture Reading - **Unison** - **Psalm 122**

**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

**Song - Better Is One Day**

How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord almighty for my soul longs and even faints for You For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere (Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek To see Your beauty To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out For You the living God Your Spirit's water to my soul I've tasted and I've seen Come once again to me I will draw near to You I will draw near to You to You

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Announcements

Scripture Reading - **Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayer -  Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come

again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Scripture Reading - **Matthew 24:36-44**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Sermon: Pastor Tyler Boyer

Response of Prayer - Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your Mercy

**People: Hear our Prayers**

Communion Service -

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, who live in love and peace with your neighbors, and who intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this

holy sacrament for your comfort; and humbly bowing make your honest confession to Almighty God.

**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.**

God is our wonderful counselor, through Jesus, God exalts the humble, restores the broken, dwells among us, and extends forgiveness to those who ask for it.

**Thanks be to God**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God of All, You dwelt in ark and temple, and in the fullness of time you settled in Mary’s womb and became God with us. Come now, in the power of your Holy Spirit, and bless this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ incarnate in this world, redeemed, remade and restored by Christ’s blood. Amen.

Closing Song - **Marvelous Light**

Into marvelous light I'm running Out of darkness out of shame Through the cross You are the truth You are the life You are the way

I once was fatherless A stranger with no hope Your kindness wakened me Wakened me from my sleep now Your love it beckons deeply A call to come and die By grace now I will come And take this life take Your life

Sin has lost its power Death has lost its sting From the grave You've risen Victoriously

My dead heart now is beating My deepest stains now clean Your breath fills up my lungs Now I'm free now I'm free My dead heart now is beating My deepest stains now clean Your breath fills up my lungs Now I'm free now I'm free

Lift my hands and spin around See the light that I have found Oh the marvelous light marvelous light (It's Christ in you)