

Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Welcome To Worship

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

December 8, 2024 ~ 11 am

Advent 2

SELECTION: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans
For a world in darkness frozen like a stone
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne

And He shall reign forever-more forever-more
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Unto us a Child is born the King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forever-more forever-more

If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd I would do my part
But poor as I am I will give to Him my heart

And He shall reign forever-more forever-more
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Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice Christ the Mes-siah
In-to our hopes in-to our fears the Savior of the world appears
The promise of e-ternal years Christ the Mes-siah

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Todd Humphrey

CALL TO WORSHIP: Todd Humphrey

Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Todd Humphrey

ADVENT WREATH: Hope Jon and Lynn Harden

As this season of anticipation
unfolds before us,
the glimmering promises of hope
lie like boxed jewels awaiting an adoring light.

May we hold fast to hope's patient possibilities.
May we lift them high
that they might catch the light of our dreams
and shine bright in our broken world.

And may we instil hope's challenge
in the hearts of our children
that they, too, will live it into meaning--
pouring their lives, as we do ours,
into making it real--
for themselves, for each other, for the world.

Light 2 candles, then:

May Hope light the world this Christmas

*SELECTION: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bringght

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all man-kind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace

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CHILDREN'S SPOTLIGHT & MESSAGE: Pastor Jeff

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Lyla Cooper
Luke 1: 46-55

Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

*SELECTION: "Hope For Everyone"

Hear the angels sing there's hope for everyone
To announce our king there's hope for everyone
What good news they bring there's hope for everyone
Angels sing there's hope for everyone

They came from afar there's hope for everyone
Wise men saw the star there's hope for everyone
Shepherds heard the choir there's hope for everyone
From afar there's hope for everyone

We are waiting on the promise
For the one who lights the darkness
Bending low to be among us
Bring Your glory in the highest Jesus

Come let us adore there's hope for everyone
On the manger floor there's hope for everyone
What are you waiting for there's hope for everyone
Come adore there's hope for every one

We are waiting on the promise
For the one who lights the darkness
Bending low to be among us
Bring Your glory in the highest Jesus

Coming on the clouds there's hope for everyone
Hear the trumpets sound there's hope for everyone
All of Heaven shouts there's hope for everyone
On the clouds there's hope for everyone

We are waiting on the promise (Jesus)
For the one who lights the darkness (Jesus)
Bending low to be among us (Jesus)
Bring Your glory in the highest Jesus

All of Heaven shouts there's hope for everyone
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SERMON: "An Altogether Hope"

Pastor Jeff

SELECTION "What Child Is This?"

What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

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Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE: “What Child Is This?”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Todd Humphrey

Lord, you are the provider of all things. Let us now give back a portion of those gifts to your church and your people. Let these gifts bring peace and hope into the world in this season of Advent. Amen.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff