

Worship Leader Edition
First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Bells of Praise

Barbara Kinyon

+GATHERING SONG

“Everlasting God”

Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Verse 1

Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

You're the defender
of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up
on wings like eagles

Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Verse 1

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 1

Pre-chorus

Our God
You reign forever
Our Hope
Our strong Deliverer

Chorus 2 (two times)
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting

Chorus 1

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

Tag (two times)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)*

L: Lord, we confess that we are often impatient with the processes of this world. May we meet unexpected troubles with patience, steadfastness and fortitude forged by Your wise and loving hands, as you did for Zechariah. Help us learn to wait on You, to hope in You, to trust in You, and to commit our ways to You. In Your Son's name we pray.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center} (Rob)*

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Laurie Blanchard and Kerry Kollodge)*

L: Today we will light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.
We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation.
We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope. (Light Candle)

C: On this day, we remember with hope the coming of Christ.

With Permission: Rev. Will Ryan, First Christian Church (DOC), Burlington, Iowa. Liturgy Links - 2016

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
 Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light!
 Shine in your church gathered today.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side}* (Emily)FIRST READING *(Laurie Blanchard)*

Daniel 9:20-24

While I was speaking, and was praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God on behalf of the holy mountain of my God— while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen before in a vision, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He came and said to me, ‘Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. At the beginning of your supplications a word went out, and I have come to declare it, for you are greatly beloved. So consider the word and understand the vision: ‘Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city: to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:5-25

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ Zechariah said to the angel, ‘How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.’ The angel replied, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.’ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ‘This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Love the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster/John Wasson

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
With all your strength

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
With all my strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And with all my strength

Bridge

I will love You (echo)
I will praise You (echo)
I will serve You (echo)
I will trust You (echo)

Chorus 3

With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
With all my strength
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And with all my strength
(REPEAT 2X)

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Mollee Erickson*)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS (*Mollee Erickson*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: God of love,

C: **We wait in hope.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

Screen

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

“Advent Meditation”
Bells of Praise

H. Dean Wagner

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“Rising”

Paul Baloche, Matt Redman/Joel Galbraith

Intro (2x)

From the rising of the sun
‘til the sun goes down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

Verse 1

We’ve gathered to worship
Becoming a choir to sing your praise
Lifting our voices
Joining our hearts in this house today

People of God in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God we sing

Chorus 1

From the rising of the sun ‘til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised

From the rising of the sun ‘til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised

From the sky to the depths
From the east to the west
We give you praise

Verse 2

We’re gathered to go out
To cities and towns We’ll take Your name
Into the nations
Shining Your light in the darkest place

+DISMISSAL (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Go in peace. Wait for the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

People of God in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God we live

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

From the rising of the sun ‘til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised

From the rising of the sun ‘til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised

From the sky to the depths From the east to the west

From the rising of the sun ‘til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised
From the rising of the sun ‘til the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised

From the sky to the depths
From the east to the west
We give you praise

Ending

We give you praise
We give you praise
We give you praise

From the rising of the sun
‘till the sun goes down
Let the name of the Lord be praised