



December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent
A Room with a View - Love

Prelude Handchimes

Chelle Habecker - Keyboard

"Carol of the Bells with Coventry Carol" Michael Burkhardt

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Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting "Love Waits for Us at Advent" Amanda Udis-Kessler

Love waits for us at Ad-vent Love waits for us to care.

Love waits for our com-pas-sion, free-ly off-ered, ful-ly shared.

In this time of pre-par-a-tion for the work of co-cre-a-tion,

for the birth-ing of a world where faith shapes all we do,

Love is born in us a-new.

Opening Hymn "I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love" Christopher Grundy



I will sing of your love, love, love, of your



stead - fast love for as long as I live and



I will sing of your love, love, love



for as long as I live.



I will sing of your



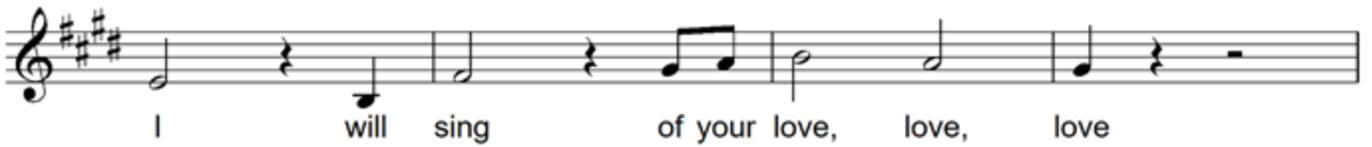
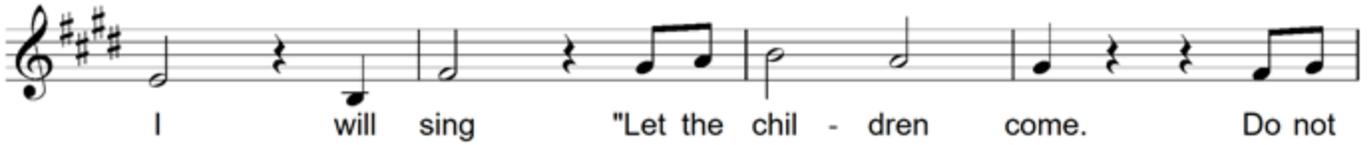
love so wide that it wel - comes the neigh - bor and



will not di - vide I will sing of your



love, love, love for as long as I



Children's Time

First reading:

Micah 5:2-5a (CEB)

As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
though you are the least significant of Judah's forces,
one who is to be a ruler in Israel on my behalf will come out from you.
His origin is from remote times, from ancient days.
Therefore, he will give them up
until the time when she who is in labor gives birth.
The rest of his kin will return to the people of Israel.
He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
They will dwell secure,
because he will surely become great throughout the earth;
he will become one of peace.

The Witness of Music Folk Choir

"Canticle of the Turning" Rory Cooney

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Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last
from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,

not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Second Reading:

Luke 1: 46-55

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Holy One should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Holy One would fulfill the promises God made to her."

Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Holy One!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

God has looked with favor on the low status of God's servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored
because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is God's name.

God shows mercy to everyone,
from one generation to the next,
who honors the Holy One as God.

God has shown strength with God's arm.

God has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

God has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

Remembering God's mercy,
just as God promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Joys and Concerns

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Closing Hymn "O Come, All You Faithful"

O come, all you faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion__

come now, O come__ now to Beth - le - hem.
sing, all you mes - sen - gers of heaven - ly love:

Come and be - hold the rul - er of all an - gels:
"Glo - ry to God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed:

Refrain
O come in ad - o - ra - tion, O come in ad - o -

ra - tion, O come in ad - o - ra - tion:__ Christ__ is born!

Benediction

Postlude "The First Noel" Lorie Line

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