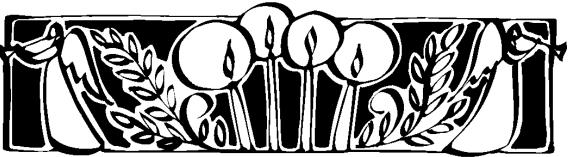


December 5, 2021 11:00 a.m.





PRELUDE

Partita on Saviour of the Nations Come

J. Weber

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#176 Lift Up Your Hands, O Mighty Gates

TRURO



WORDS: George Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); para. Psalm 24:7-10 MUSIC: Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789 TRURO L.M.

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, when we read about your call to someone else, it is so crystal clear.

They just have to listen (eventually).

Then they act in accordance with your call.

But we get lost in your many calls.

For our weak ears your many calls barely penetrate the noise around us.

Social justice, poverty, aboriginal rights,
Black Lives Matter, hunger around the world
and hunger in my neighbourhood,
gender equity, domestic violence, LGBTQ rights.
And these are just for the human part of your creation.
We hear your call about all of these,
but what is your call for us? For me?
Maybe your call is as straightforward as:
raise a family, grow a garden and love our neighbours.
Lord, give us ears to hear the call that is for us.
That is from you.
And give us grace and strength to go forward

And give us grace and strength to go forward with your call.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come, Christ of God

S. Pethel

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING LITANY #178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel - sing before and after lighting



During Advent, we wait for the One promised in scripture.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the One who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the One who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

FIRST READING

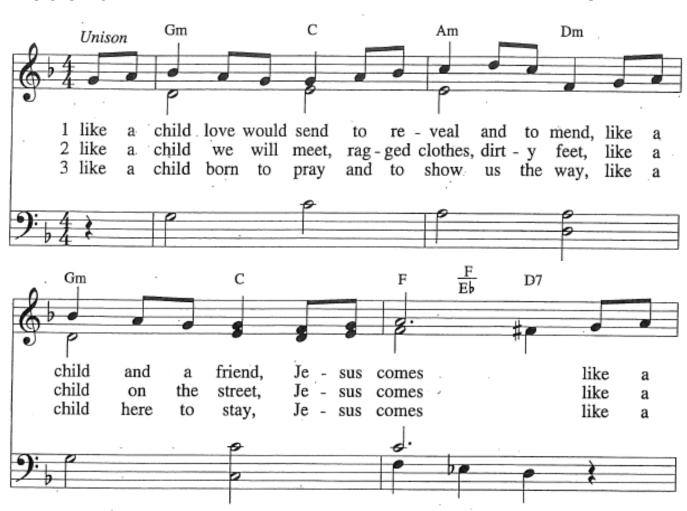
Jeremiah 1:1-9

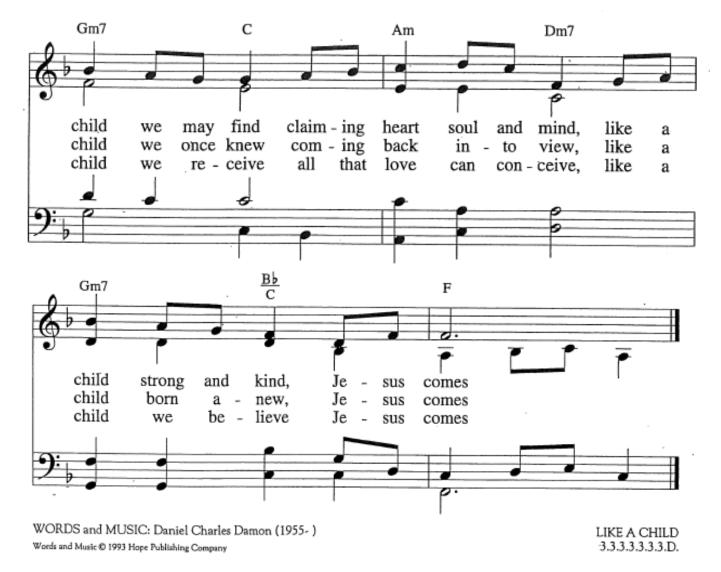
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

CAROL OF PRAISE

#162 like a child

LIKE A CHILD





CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON Dawn Stiles

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL



GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

WORDS OF THE SHARING

One: In an upper room, with his friends,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it.

He gave it to his friends, and asked them to remember him.

He picked up a cup of wine,

he poured it out and shared it.

Again, he gave thanks and asked his friends to remember him.

"Do this in remembrance of me."

Many: We now remember Jesus

- -- his life of love and forgiveness
- -- how he gathered little children and blessed them
- -- how he cared for the sick and healed them
- -- how he invited people like us to be his followers
- -- how he promised to come alongside us

in sadness and gladness,

and be with us always.

One: We gather today, around this table and many tables.

Separated by distance but united by the Spirit of God.

All: As we eat the bread and drink the cup,

may the risen Christ fill our bodies

so we might be the hands, feet and voice

of Jesus to a world that needs to be

healed and loved.

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

An Advent Meditation

D. Lasky

*Offertory Response

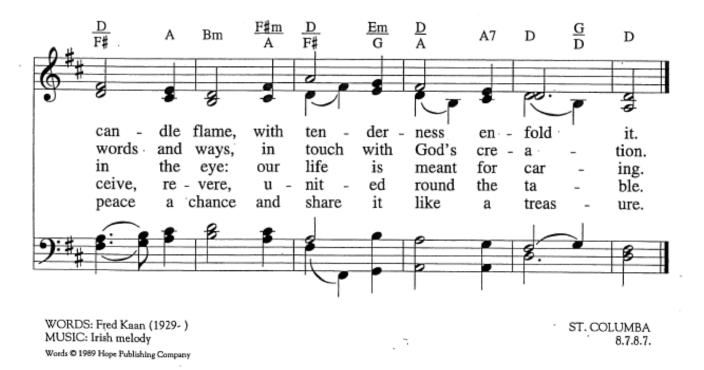
So, bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#389 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

ST. COLUMBA





*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Advent Benediction

Blessing

Dengler & Dengler

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

*POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

E.D. Childs

*Please stand, as you are able.

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing - Grant McIntyre; Reader - Gordon Dinwoodie;

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