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**Centenary United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
November 29, 2020 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM
The First Sunday of Advent**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (11:00)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
Centenary Faith We Sing Ensemble

GREETING

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,
the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!

Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name!

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

HYMN

People, Look East

People, look east, The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun, and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

BLESSING THE ADVENT WREATH

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.
Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.
Come, Lord Jesus.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,
Come, Lord Jesus.

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,
Come, Lord Jesus.

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy
as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus.

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness
of ignorance and sin.**

**Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.**

**May their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle and remind ourselves of the one who is our King.
May our lives reflect the loyalty we proclaim in this place.

RESPONSE

**This, this, is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

I Worship You, O Mighty God
Centenary Choral Ensemble

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.^[b]
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of God for us the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering,
 the sun will be darkened,
 and the moon will not give its light,
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

This is the word of God for us the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Worship The King

The Rev. Tom Greener

HYMN

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown,
 When thou camest to earth for me;
 But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
 For thy holy nativity.
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
 Proclaiming thy royal degree;
 But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
 And in great humility.
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for thee.

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest
 In the shade of the forest tree;
 But thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
 In the deserts of Galilee.
 O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
 There is room in my heart for thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
they bore thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee

When heav'n's arches shall ring and its choir shall sing
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee!"
and my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When thou comest and callest for me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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;
The third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence 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.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

Shout To The North
Centenary Faith We Sing Ensemble

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INTERCESSORY REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 forever. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

HYMN

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.

BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (11:00)

POSTLUDE

(8:30)

Emmanuel, God With Us
Paul Saik-piano

(11:00)

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
Paul Saik-organ