

**OPENING MUSIC**

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”  
“Three Variations on *Veni, Emmanuel*”

Ju Young Lee, Interim Organist  
arr. Walter L. Pelz  
arr. Gregg Sewell

**INTROIT**

“Comfort Ye/Every Valley Shall Be Exalted” (*Messiah*)

Jeduthun Kim, soloist  
G.F. Handel

**WELCOME**

Carrie Gleeson, Student Ministries

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world . . .

**Unison: . . . whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

Leader: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah: “Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior,”

**Unison: Today we light a candle to remind us that Jesus is the Hope of the world. Rejoice! for Emmanuel—God with us—is coming!**

Leader: Please pray with me . . . Dear God, as we begin this Advent season, teach us to place our hope in You, giving us strength and comfort in the darkness of our lives. Make us ready to receive You. We pray in the name of Jesus, our hope of glory . . . Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Carrie Gleeson

Louin William Bain, son of Gentry & Hallie Bain  
Winston Robert Bain, son of Gentry & Hallie Bain

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

**MUSIC OF RESPONSE**

*Mueller*

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Cory Gregory, Director of Engagement

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## SONG OF THE SEASON

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*Veni Immanuel*

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 Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

## SERMON

"Longing for Hope"

Jonathan Hicks, Executive Pastor

## CLOSING CAROL

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Hyfrydol*

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

Jonathan Hicks

## CLOSING MUSIC

"Finale on *Hyfrydol*"

Ju Young Lee, organ  
Henry Coleman

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**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST SOLOIST**, Jeduthun Kim, to our worship service today,  
and thank him for his gift of music offered to the glory of God. Mr. Kim is a doctoral student  
at the University of Minnesota, and a friend of our Interim Organist, Ju Young Lee.