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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Knowing Christ....Making Christ Known

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9:45 A.M. Traditional



The Peaceable Kingdom
Edward Hicks

GATHERING THOUGHT

"With a future tense organizing his thought, Isaiah in this chapter highlights themes of hope and a coming prince of peace."

Noel Erskine
Feasting on the Word, Year A, Volume 1

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

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PRELUDE *Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming* arr. Hayes

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

CHORAL INTROIT *I Shall Know Him When He Comes* Wagner

Come, Lord, Jesus, tarry not. Find in me a resting spot. My heart is open, come dwell within. Let life be born in me again. By the holy harmony which His coming makes in me, I shall know Him, I shall know Him, I shall know Him when He comes.

CALL TO WORSHIP, CONFESSION & ADVENT CANDLE

Bob Morris and Glenn Kinckner (9:45)

Leader: In days to come, give the King justice, O God, and Your righteousness to a King's son. May He judge the peoples with righteousness.

People: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills righteousness. May He defend the cause of the poor; and give deliverance to the needy.

Lighters: This second Sunday of Advent, we long for the arrival of the Prince of Peace, who speaks peace to our hearts, and invites us to live in the peace of God's Kingdom.

Leader: Forgive us, O God, for we have not modeled righteousness; nor have we defended the poor or delivered the needy.

People: Forgive us O God, and renew in us a spirit of peace that works miracles in this broken world. Remind us that in Your mercy, O God, You met us in our need, and redeemed us to a place of peace with ourselves, with You and with others.

Lighters: We light the second candle of Advent for peace. We long for the day when the Prince of Peace will deliver the needy when they call. We pray for the time when the weak ones who have no helper will know the redemption of the LORD.

Leader: The prophet cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Come Lord Jesus, light of the world, bring us Your peace. Reveal Your glory anew and lead us into Your light.

ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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 Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

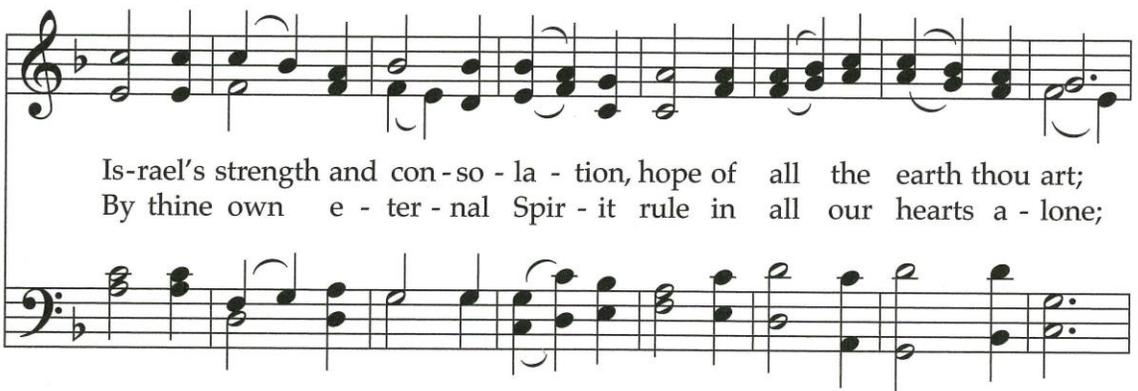
HYMN #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (please stand if able)



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

The Winter Rose

arr. Martin

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above. God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love. It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep. So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep.

The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight. And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light. They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume. And in the bleak mid-winter the Rose began to bloom.

O let us now remember when God put on the thorn. And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born. Oh, Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Feasting on the Word)*

We give You thanks, O God, for all good things: for this universe and for the Earth; for creatures and plants; for water and food; for light and darkness. Most of all we thank You for Jesus, our brother, who came to lead us to You. Turn our offerings into Your good work and Your good will, that others would be led to Your love, in Jesus' name, AMEN. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11: 1-10 (pew Bible pg. 558)
 Romans 15: 4-7 (pew Bible pg. 924)

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-7

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Life In The Zoo”

Don Lincoln

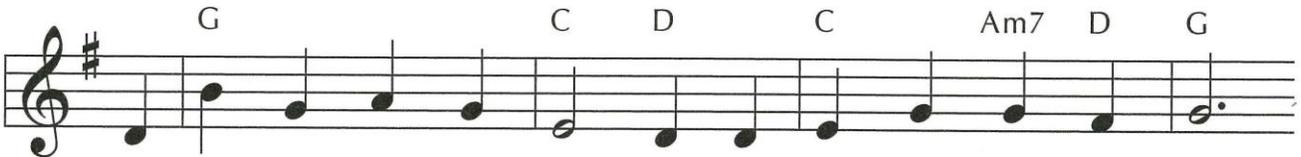
APOSTLES’ CREED *(please stand if able)*

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

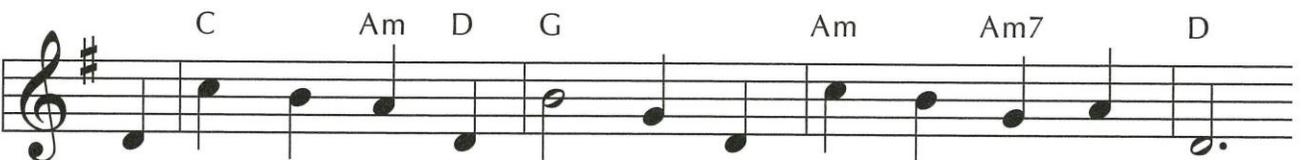
HYMN #378 *We Wait The Peaceful Kingdom* (please stand if able)



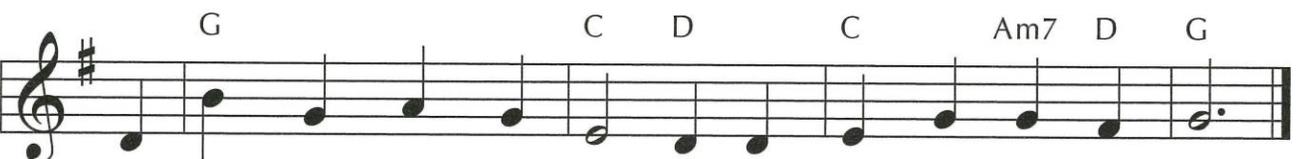
1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.
when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"
to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.



when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:
still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:
The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Come Emmanuel

Rowley

Thanks for worshiping with us today.