

Traditional Worship Service

When Everything is Wrong

December 1, 2024

Heart the Grew Three Sizes

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Liturgist: Grace Evans

Leader: As we gather in worship today, we seek the peace that only God can provide.

People: Where, O God, will we find you?

Leader: In the midst of chaos and strife, we come to find solace in God's presence.

People: We seek the peace that surpasses all understanding, knowing that it comes from the Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of peace who calms our hearts and minds!

People: We come to worship with hearts yearning for peace and reconciliation!

3:00 *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

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3:00 Lighting of Advent Candles

Candle Lighters: Miles Family

Reader:

Hear these words from Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This passage speaks to finding peace through faith and prayer. The Whos exemplified this kind of peace, celebrating together despite their loss. Like the Grinch, we can learn that peace comes not from external circumstances but from a heart centered in God.

As we light the first candle of Advent, we focus on the gift of peace, especially the true peace that comes from togetherness and community, even in the face of adversity.

(light the first purple candle)

Prayer:

Gracious Lord, we thank You for the peace that surpasses all understanding. Just as the Grinch found peace when he joined the Whos in their celebration, may we embrace the peace that comes from You. Help us to be peacemakers in our families, communities, and the world. May this candle remind us to seek reconciliation and unity, especially during this Advent season. Amen.

3:30 Special Music

"Advent Trilogy," Chorale

5:00 A Time for Children

Cody Anderson

1:00 Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Length
in mins**

1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer

O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

4:00 Offertory

"Christmas Medley," Ann Jolly & Lois Books

1:00 *Doxology*

20:00 Message

Message: When Everything Is Wrong
Scripture: Luke 1:26-29
Pastor Laura Rainwater

2:00 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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**Length
in mins**

5:00 Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

2:00 *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

62:30
