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“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

With Mary we sing: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46-47, NIV). Welcome to worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Love Came Down at Christmas* arr. Thygerson

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Our Advent Family The Carter Lipato Family

The Candle of Joy

Our Advent Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Invocation

from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration

Carol *The first noel, the angel did say* (verses 1-2) #199

Children’s Time

Carol *It came upon a midnight clear* (verses 1-2) #195

Congregational Prayer

Song

Hope is a candle (verses 1-2, 4, 3)

#15 Sing the Story



1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,



1 nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
2 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
3 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
4 mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark;



1 dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - i - lege—
2 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
3 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
4 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,



1 when they are gone, hope will shine on.
2 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.
3 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - ery - where.
4 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.

“Hope is a candle” by Richard Leach

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Invitation to Give

Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)

We are rich only through what we give:
and poor only through what we refuse and keep.



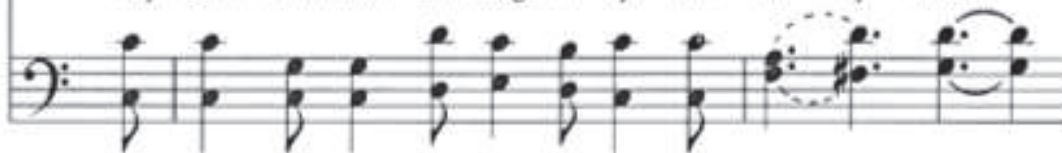
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, his
 2 "For known as bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be, all
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame.
 gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee.
 me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 Thy son shall be Im - man - u - el by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name."



most high - ly fa - vor'd la - dy," glo - ri - a!



Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

Sermon "Nothing is Impossible"

Carol *What child is this* #215

Benediction

Postlude *O Blessed Emmanuel* Bach/Thompson



PastorDavid Whitten

Worship Leader.....Sandy Faw

The Advent FamilyThe Carter Lipato Family

Children's Time Haley Myers

Flutist..... Sarah Beers

Organist/Pianist..... Bob Phillips

Producer..... Kevin Beers