

# EMMANUEL...GOD WITH US!

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

WORD OF WELCOME

Worship Leader—Lori Hall & Rev. Bill Rose-Heim

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious Jesus, Radiant Dawn, Splendor of Eternal Light, shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**Desire of the nations and Savior of all, order all things with strength and gentleness.**

Rearrange our loves and desires. Refurbish our hearts as Your home.

**Come now and teach us the way of Salvation.**

Lighting of the Candles

“The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world”

John 1: 9

## Opening Hymn—Comfort, Comfort You my People

*Comfort, comfort You my people, tell of peace, thus says Our God  
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load  
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them  
Tell them that their sins I cover and their warfare now is over.*

*Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.  
For the glory of our God now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.*

## The Morning Prayer

“Settle yourself in solitude and you will come upon God in yourself.”

Teresa of Avila

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Jerry & Lee-Ann Semsch

Prayer for Illumination

Yours is the Voice we can scarcely hear

**YOUR SPEECH IS OUR ONLY HOPE, SO WE PRAY FOR NEW EARS, AMEN**

### Scripture Lesson:

#### OLD Testament Reading---2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside ten curtains." Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell My servant, David, 'Thus says the Lord: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Where I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" "Now therefore, thus shall you say to my servant, David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you where you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover, I will appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house... And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

#### Gospel of Luke 1: 46b—55

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."*

#### MORNING MESSAGE: "DID NOT SEE THAT COMING!"

**Rev. Bill Rose-Heim**

Prayers for the People  
Sharing Our Petitions/Concerns/Thanksgiving  
Please comment/share online

Vocal Solo by Anna Wooderson: "Breath of Heaven"

The Offering

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost**

**Communion Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand.  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.  
Christ will give to all the faithful, his own self for heavenly food.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.  
As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Welcome to the Table

But you O Bethlehem, who are one of the little clans of Judah  
**FROM YOU SHALL COME FORTH FOR ME ONE WHO IS TO RULE IN ISRAEL**  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord  
**IN THE MAJESTY OF THE NAME OF THE LORD HIS GOD**  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth  
**AND HE SHALL BE THE ONE OF PEACE.**

The Words of Institution

**The Communion Prayer—Submitted by Ellen Lewis**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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 Peace of Christ is Shared

**Closing Hymn: Emmanuel, Emmanuel 2x**

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel***

His name is Holy

**HIS MERCY SURE FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION  
Go in peace**

TO OUR GUESTS-----WELCOME!  
SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE  
WE WALK HUMBLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY  
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*We Welcome Reverend Bill Rose-Heim to our pulpit this morning!*

Bill has served in ministry since 1979. as was ordained into the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1987. He is married to Donna Rose-Heim and is the father of five children. Bill is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a former firefighter and city council member. He began serving as Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City on November 16, 2015.

Currently he serves as the President-Elect of the College of Regional Ministers and Chair of the Governance Committee of the General Board.

He is a member of the Independence Boulevard Christian Church in KC, MO.

His community commitments include Acting President of Kansas City for Refugees, Board of Directors of the Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Organization and Board of Directors of the Nall Hills Homes Association.

*Thank you to Anna Wooderson for our special music this morning!*

**Do you know what is happening on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>?** The two largest planets in our solar system, Jupiter and Saturn, will align on Dec. 21 to create what's sometimes referred to as the "Christmas Star" or the "Star of Bethlehem." Amazing Stargazing! Google it for more information!

*Our Christmas Eve Service will be filmed in advance and can be accessed online on December 24<sup>th</sup> by going to the NOCC Facebook page for your personal viewing. Order of Service will be supplied via email by Linda Tyree and posted on our website by Howard Dolginoff. Thank You!*

*Next Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker will be Paul Southard!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!  
TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOY-FILLED AND GRATEFUL!**