



## Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: Purple, symbolizing the royalty of the Christ Child  
Washington Street UMC ~ Sanctuary

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659  
Louis Shirer, organ

J.S. Bach

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

*You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You are invited to READ THE Advent Devotion along with our Washington Street members, to light the Advent candle with us, and to continue to worship with us as we celebrate the Sacred Word and Sacred Song from Handel's Messiah.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Aravena Family

HYMN 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

(vs. 1-2)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.  
(*Refrain*)

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ  
Words and Music: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON     Isaiah 61:1-3

from *Messiah*  
ARIA

George Frideric Handel

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion  
Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

THE EPISTLE LESSON     I Thessalonians 5:16-24

PROCLAMATION     “Joy! Joy! Joy!”

Rev. Parrish

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** \*

CAROL 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

(vs. 2-3)

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: 14th century Latin, trans. John Mason Neale, 1855; Music: German melody, harm. Gary Alan Smith, 1988

BENEDICTION

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**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Rev. Parrish joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Keith & (Kelly) McCook and family in the passing of his mother, grandmother of William and Emily McCook.



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