



Washington Street

United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

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

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE

Meine Seele erherbet den Herrn, BWV 648
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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Helen Fant, Lynn Luce, Laurely Nance

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *

CAROL 203
(vs. 1-3)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: James Montgomery, 1821

Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784; harm. W. H. Monk, 1868

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

II Samuel 7:1-13, 16

PASTORAL PRAYER

from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

RECITATIVE

Behold, a virgin shall conceive

ARIA

O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion
Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

PROCLAMATION

“Is Your House Ready?”

Rev. Parrish

THE PRAYER OF RESPONSE:

Holy God, you have shown favor upon your children from generation to generation. Prepare us to participate in your dreams for the world as we seek to follow the One who has come to us and will come again, even Jesus, our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

CAROL 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

EST IST EIN ROS

(vs. 1-2)

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: 15th cent. German; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

Music: *Alte Katholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609

BENEDICTION

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Donald (Don) L. Fowler
December 15, 2020

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Parrish joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Carol Fowler and family in the passing of her husband, Dr. Donald (Don) L. Fowler, father of Donnie Fowler, Jr. and Cissy Fowler.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

We celebrate today in the birth of Janelle (Nelle) Cotter Parker, born November 28, 2020. Parents, Cotter and Conner Parker, grandmother, Jan Cotter Jenkins, and great grandmother, Janet Cotter, welcome Nelle to their family as we welcome her to the Washington Street family.



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