

Order of Worship

10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship, December 17, 2023

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

(Liturgist) As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,
(Congregation) the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

- Mark 1:2-3

Opening Prayer

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

*Sharing of God's Peace

*Opening Praise: FOG #169 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LUYH #69 My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout

Confession of Sin: Exodus 20:7

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-27

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Praise: Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

Message: *"Steadfast Obedience"*

Isaiah 50:4-5 (NIV)

*Hymn of Application: LUYH #755 Speak, O Lord

Offering & Offertory

Online Giving available via Zelle (admin@cceci.org) & Venmo (@ccecastislip)

December Special Offering: D.R. Missions Trip 2024

*Doxology: PH #637 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today's Scripture | Isaiah 50:4-5

4 The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. 5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back

Sermon Notes

Announcements

1. **[Happy Sunday!]** Thanks for joining us in worship! If you're visiting, please fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you.
2. **[All Church Christmas Party]** Join us after the worship service for our Christmas Party & gift exchange! Lunch is provided as well as tons of fun!
3. **[Dates to Remember]**
12/24: Christmas Eve Worship Service 10:30 AM
12/25: Christmas Day Worship Service 10:30 AM
1/6: Church Council Meeting
1/14: Chili Cook-Off
4. **[Snow Patrol]** It's that time of year! - We need your help for when it snows. Please sign-up the list on the bulletin board in the foyer.
5. **[Congregational Meeting]** We had a very successful congregational meeting last Sunday. In summary, everything was passed which includes: the budget as well as the nominees for deacons & elders! God is good!

ZOOM INFO - Meeting ID: #384 506 8857 Passcode: 11730



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Rev. James J. Lee, President
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“Steadfast Obedience”

Isaiah 50:4-5

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Psalter Hymnal #637 CCLI #3140875

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men. A-men.

Speak, O Lord

LUYH #755, CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you,
to receive the food and your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Verse 2

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Verse 3

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
And the earth is filled with your glory.

My Soul Cries Out With A Joyful Shout

LUYH #69, CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from the east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fire of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!*

Verse 2

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to fight,
For the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Verse 3

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Verse 4

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around.

Refrain

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight.

Verse 2

Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory, You saw my story
God, You entered in and became one of us.

Chorus

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah

Sing hallelujah for the things He has done

Come and adore Him, bow down before Him

Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world, crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer, to save
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid.

Verse 4

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forever-more, forevermore.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

FOG #169, CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 4

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of
peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!