

WE GATHER 前奏

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS 歓迎と報告

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

THRESHOLD MOMENT: I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining.
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Reader: The clouds begin to clear

Congregation: The clouds begin to clear

Reader: The horizon starts to glow

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Reader: The time has come

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OPENING PRAYER 祈り

Lyssa Ogilbee

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we have caught throughout this season of Advent and Christmas of your gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we have not been sure of tomorrow, you have ignited the Light within us,

Reader and Congregation: that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out.

I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when... even when... it's not shining.

Reader: Help us continue to proclaim far and wide that the time has come for light to be among all people.

All: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 讚美歌

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see

Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see

A star, a star, dancing in the night

With a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear

Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear

A song, a song, high above the trees

With a voice as big as the sea, With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, do you know what I know

In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold

Let us bring Him silver and gold, Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere, listen to what I say:

Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say:

The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night

He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light

WE PROCLAIM

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 22-40 (CEB)

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said, "Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

MESSAGE

"Believe This: The Time Has Come"

Ryland Fernandez

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS

Stillness

Virtual Chancel Choir

Words: Lindy Thompson & Mark Miller

Music: Mark Miller

The gentle pull of God is often lost amidst the rush of all the obligations which lay a claim on us.

Yet just beyond the frantic pace our restless feet have
trod lie deep still pools of quietness—the dwelling place of God.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord. Be the air I breathe.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord.

Free me to receive.

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER 祈り

THE LORD'S PRAYER 主の祈り

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.

WE GO FORTH

CLOSING HYMN 讚美歌

“Believe” (to the tune of “Give Thanks”)

Believe, with a grateful heart! Believe, and shine your light!

Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!

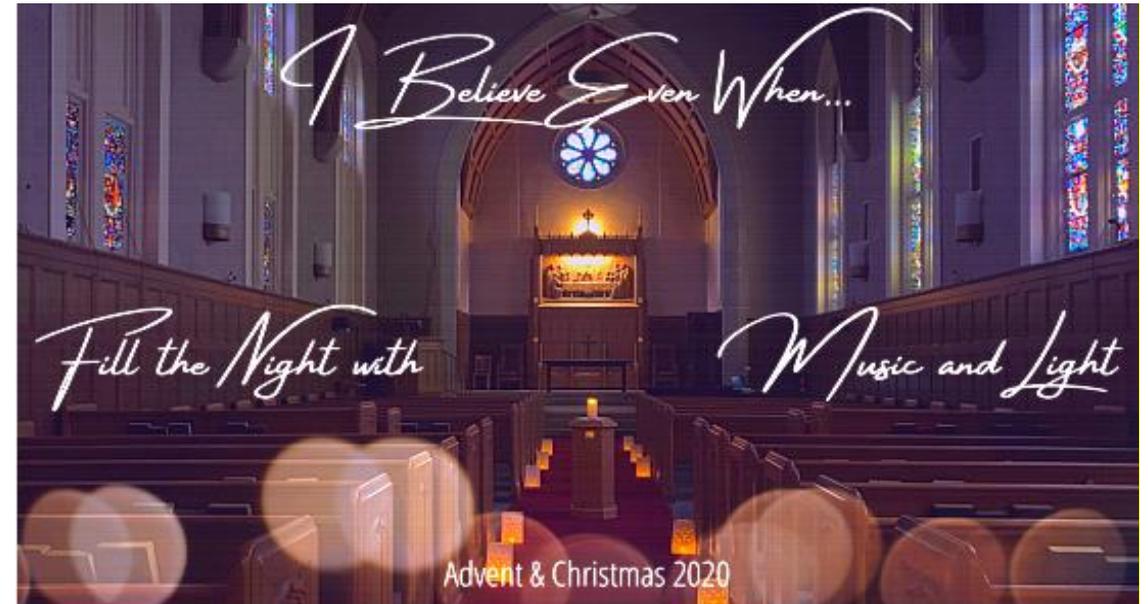
*And now let the weak say, “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich
because of what our God has done for us.” Believe!*

***BENEDICTION 頌榮**

HANDBELL BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE

Thoughts on the Message

**1st Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2020**



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