

Welcome to Worship!

December 20, 2020

Sunday of Love - Advent 4B

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude in E Major by J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In our church and homes we gather around wreaths to pray our lost hopes, broken peace, limited joys, and love so hard to find and share in this season of coronavirus. We affirm that our candles mean we call this season Advent, when God's light comes into the world and nothing can overcome it.

People: **We now light the candle of love even when many things dim our sparkling such as the spectres of continued institutional racism, loneliness and longing for loved ones, judging people on their outward appearances, and not loving our neighbor as you have taught.**

Leader: God's love illuminates hatred and a compassionate heart and brightens the path to the birth of Christ.

People: **Emmanuel, God be with us in the week to come lighting hope, peace, joy and love on the wick of our lives, so that we may shine on our world your unconditional welcome to all. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Wake Awake For Night is Flying No. 164

(Words to hymns printed next page and on back.)

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

GLORIA PATRI No. 734

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ: And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

READING OF THE WORD

New Testament: Luke 1: 46b-55

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 11b-16

SERMON "I Wanna Know What Love Is"

HYMN OF REFLECTION: O Come, O Come Emmanuel No. 154

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "All Creatures of our God and King" Arr. by Sanborn

While we are not physically together we encourage you to mail your offering (P.O. Box 128, Greenland, NH 03840); or give online by clicking on the icon on our Facebook page. Thank you.

DOXOLOGY No. 34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN: Your Love O God Has Called Us No. 613

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Let All Things Now Living" Arr. by Larson

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY OF LOVE - ADVENT 4B

OPENING HYMN: Wake Awake For Night is Flying No. 164

1. Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying: awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord, whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing, and in her heart new joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom, for her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is risen; the light is come. O, come, you

Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view where you have bid us dine with you.

3. Now let all the heavens adore you, and saints and angels sing before you. The harps and cymbals all unite Of one pearl each shining portal, where, dwelling with the choir immortal, we gather round your dazzling light. No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear what joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls resound; hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel No. 154

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

2. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

CLOSING HYMN: Your Love, O God, Has Called Us No. 613

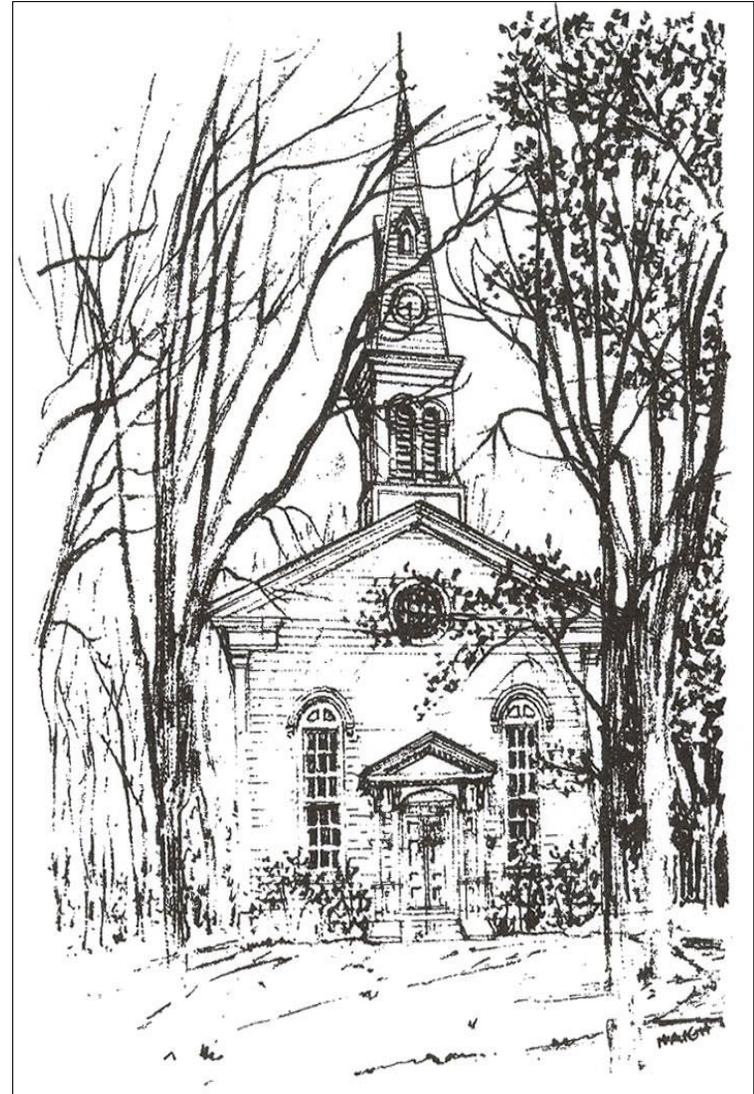
1. Your love, O God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you, the perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new.

2. O gracious God, you consecrate all that is lovely, good and true. Bless those who in your presence wait and every day their love renew.

3. O God of love, inspire our life, reveal your will in all we do. Join every husband, every wife in mutual love and love for you.

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***GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WELCOME ALL
AND TO SERVE GOD, EACH OTHER, THIS COMMUNITY,
AND THE WORLD
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.***

❖ ALL ARE WELCOME! ❖