



*God Bless Us Everyone: The Redemption of Scrooge
Bah Humbug! Making Change*

**Order of Worship
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Once in Royal David's City

**Come together, one and all, in the giving spirit.
Gifts abound here, great and small, joyously we feel it.
Blessings sent us from above guide us on our way.
We raise our voice as we rejoice, bow our head and pray.
A miracle has just begun. God bless us everyone!**

***Opening Prayer**

Carolyn Masters

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
we come to this season of Advent
knowing that you hold all of it in your hands...
you hold all of us in your hands.

Open us to your miracle just begun
and in this season transform us into those whose giving
brings peace in a turbulent world.

Open us to you, to each other, and to the voices no one hears
so that your reign of mercy, justice, and love
can be made known to all. Amen.

***Hymn**

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verses 1, 2, 4*

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Lighting the Candle of Hope

The Frankovich Family

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2"3).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Sung Response

Light the Advent Candle

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Verse 1

Ministry of Music

Waiting for a King

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7

Carolyn Masters

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sung Response

*Refrain, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee O Israel.*

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Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-47 and 52-55

Carolyn Masters

Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

This is a Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bah Humbug! Making Change

Pastor Debra

Preparation for Prayer

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory Invitation

Carolyn Masters

In God's kingdom there is enough. We have been blessed with so much! Let's share our abundance so all have enough and all may have hope. This happens through the work of this church and through the work of The United Methodist Church across our country and around the world through the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Missions.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Friendly Beasts

*Doxology

***Praise God who blesses everyone!
Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!
All praise the miracle begun!
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Prayer of Dedication

Carolyn Masters

Generous God,

we give you thanks for all you have given us

and we offer our gifts

for the sake of being your hands and feet as the Body of Christ.

Open us to even more ways to give

so that we might make change and BE change for the sake of the world. Amen

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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Psalm 72 is a well-known prophecy of the coming Messiah – foretelling the reign of the King and what the Kingdom of that Messiah will be like. But perhaps more than a prophecy, Psalm 72 is a prayer. James Montgomery's wrote the words to "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" in 1821, words that so beautifully capture the essence of Psalm 72's prayer. As we sing this beautiful hymn, we both declare our hope and our longing for the Kingdom of God, and for the coming of the one who will turn darkness to light, and whose "name to us is Love."

Benediction

Pastor Debra

There's a little Scrooge in each of us
yearning to thaw, yearning to love again.

This week may you be visited by a surprising peace
that may surpass your understanding.

And when you feel it, even if for just a fleeting moment,
know the miracle has just begun in you, for the sake of the whole world.

May you be blessed by our God who loves you deeply;
by Jesus, the true gift of God to each of us—this season and in all our days;
and by the Spirit who with you all the time!

Choral Benediction

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Postlude

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Light the Advent Candle

Refrain:

**Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

Light the Advent candle, one:
Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas day. **Refrain**

Waiting for a King

*Waiting for a King;
When will He come?
Waiting for a King;
God's holy One.
Will the world be ready?
Is His Advent near?
Waiting for a King;
When will He appear?
Waiting for a King;
When will He come?
Waiting for a King;
God's only Son.
Will the world be receive Him?
Will He stand alone?
Waiting for a King
To come and take His throne.
In the fullness of time
The Prince of Peace will come,
The promised Messiah,
Gods chosen One.
For those who are righteous,
Hope will be restored.
Their eyes will be opened,
Eyes will be opened,
Eyes will be opened,
They will know the Lord.*

*Waiting for a King,
Ruling in might.
Waiting for a King
To shine in our night.
Will the world be ready
When He comes to stay?
Waiting for a King;
Will this be the day?*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us,
revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*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.*

*4. To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.*