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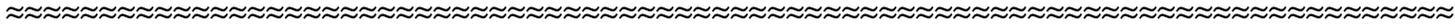
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Worship – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020

“I Believe in Love: God with Us”

Greeting

Worship Opening

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Hymn

“Love Has Broken Down the Wall”

performed First Congregational Church Vestry Choir

Passing of the Peace

Stand where you are and share sign language or other signs of peace with each other in the name of Christ.

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 7:1-4; 10-14

(see addendum below)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Reflection

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

performed by Rhys Burgess

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 1:1-2, 15-25

(see addendum below)

Song of Preparation

“I Believe”

written by Mark Miller

performed by University of LaVerne Chamber Choir

Sermon

“Voices of Hope, Daring Us to Love” Rev. Amanda McMurtrey

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Advent Prayer of Belief

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.

Benediction & Sending Forth

Leader: Our worship is over...

People: But our service has just begun!

Song of Sending Forth

“Love Came Down At Christmas”

performed by Rhys Burgess

Isaiah 7:1-4, 10-14(CEB)

7 In the days of Ahaz (Jotham’s son and grandson of Judah’s King Uzziah), Aram’s King Rezin and Israel’s King Pekah (Remaliah’s son) came up to attack Jerusalem, but they couldn’t overpower it. ²When the house of David was told that Aram had become allies with Ephraim, their hearts and the hearts of their people shook as the trees of a forest shake when there is a wind. ³But the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the channel of the Upper Pool, by the road to the field where laundry is washed, ⁴and say to him, ‘Be careful and stay calm. Don’t fear, and don’t lose heart over these two pieces of smoking torches, over the burning anger of Rezin, Aram, and Remaliah’s son...

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹“Ask a sign from the LORD your God. Make it as deep as the grave or as high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I won’t ask; I won’t test the LORD.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Listen, house of David! Isn’t it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God? ¹⁴ Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:1-2, 15-25 (CEB)

1 A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

² Abraham was the father of Isaac.

Isaac was the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

¹⁵ Eliud was the father of Eleazar.

Eleazar was the father of Matthan.

Matthan was the father of Jacob.

¹⁶ Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.

¹⁷ So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

²³ *Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,
And they will call him, Emmanuel.*
(*Emmanuel* means "God with us.")

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.