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Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Hope in the King

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

CAROLS

Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

WAITING FOR HOPE

PRELUDE

Hope of Israel

by Smith, © 1998

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Together, let us be a people unafraid to hope!

People: Christ comes to us in the unexpected!

Leader: Let us keep the faith together – that Christ will come again.

People: Lord, keep us on the straight and narrow path that leads to you!

HYMN NO. 136 (The Worshipping Hymnal, see attached, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Come Emmanuel

by Price/Besig

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Long Ago, Prophets Knew

arr. Larson

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

SEEKING HOPE

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Our Lord and Our Hope, we know that we often fail you. We forget to watch. We forget to wait. We make the holiday season more about ourselves than sharing the hope that only you can bring. We get so caught up in what we're supposed to get this season, we forget what we're called to give. Help us to remember that this season is about the message and ministry of your son, Jesus Christ, the one who came to heal, liberate, and share the good news of your faithful love. Call us to be faithful only to you this season. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 204 (UM Hymnal, see attached)

Emmanuel

ALL SING: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Traditional

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Traditional

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Leader: Even John the Baptist asked Jesus, "Are you the one we've been waiting for?" All of the hopes and dreams of God's children were wrapped up in that question. And the answer was, yes, the Hope of the Nations was there, and is here. This morning, we light the Candle of Hope.

People: Let this fire remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here. Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here.

HYMN NO. 140 (black hymnal)

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

HOPE IS HERE

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

by Pace, Boyce/
Christopher

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Hope is Born

by Frombach, Dengler

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OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Sung by Dani Kardisco) *Light of the World*⁴

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 123 (red hymnal, v. 3) *As With Gladness*

ALL SING: As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAISE BAND ANTHEM *Hope of All Hopes*⁵ by Lauer

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM *Joy Has Dawned* by Getty, Townend/Buda

HOPE STILL TO COME

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM *Even So Come* by Tomlin, Ingram, Cates/Duren

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (see p. 5) *Let Us Adore*⁶

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* by Walther

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Thank you to all who participated in the Cantata!

Worship Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Deborah Butcher	Paula J. Beever Brenda Beyer	David Firestone Mike Gibbs	Tom Bair Braden Bicher
Barb Everhart	Helen Burns	Michael Maletz	Tom Green
Doris Loucks Barb Neff Joann Snyder	Nancy Kinard		Les Loucks

Praise Band

	Cora Beyer	Sydney Cooper	Wyatt Cunningham
Olivia Daugherty	Mason DeMers	Dani Kardisco	

Brass Ensemble

George DeMers	Mike Ferree	Matt Grimes
Jordyn Myers	Ryan Myers	

Children's Choir/Bell Choir

Miles Crowell	Charlie Devine	Jackson Markel	Hannah McCracken
Sean McCracken	Ella Mekulsia	Leyla Morcos	Oliver Morcos
Liam Neff	Sam Neff	Kingston Roache	Zyiann Roache
Anna Shindler Sophie Gyenes	Ethan Shindler	Harper Smith	Lincoln Smith

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Let Us Adore

Verse 1

The heavens declare
The glory of God
And all of the world
Will join the praise
His wonders proclaim

Verse 2

The oceans and skies
Lift up their voice
And all He has made
Will rise to bless
The King of all kings

Chorus 1

Let us adore Him
Let us adore Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Verse 3

Eternity's King
Is coming again
Though all of the earth
Will fade away
His truth will remain

Chorus 2

Come and behold Him
Bow down before Him
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Bridge

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
You are worthy of all praise

Ending

Jesus Christ is the Lord

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We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our church family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Lyn Schleeter and Barbara Krier!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all those who are sharing their musical gifts at the cantata by the Ladies' Aid.

One rosebud on the altar is placed in honor of Jaxon Thomas, born Saturday, December 9th. Jaxon was 5 lbs. 6 oz and 17 inches long. May God's blessing be with Jaxon and his parents, Anna Mulligan & Alex Brooks, grandparents, Tom & Sharon Mulligan, and aunt, Rachel Mulligan.

One rosebud on the altar is placed in honor of Charlotte Ann, born Saturday, December 9th. Charlotte was 6 lbs. 9 oz and 19 inches long. May God's blessing be with Charlotte and her parents, Anna Mulligan & Alex Brooks, grandparents, Tom & Sharon Mulligan, and aunt, Rachel Mulligan.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Byron & Dawn Almoney; Barry and Nancy Schwartz

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino & John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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