

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 13, 2020

PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Paul Manz & Gilbert Martin

WELCOME: Rev. Jim Pazan

Call to Worship: Jeannie Cavender, CRE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Marilyn Gross, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

Verse 2

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human nature
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food

Verse 3

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day

That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

Verse 4

At His feet the six winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia
Alleluia Lord Most High

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

SONG OF RESPONSE: "Better is one day"

Don Davis, Anne Lawler, Kris Warner

Verse 1

How lovely is your dwelling place, Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus x2

Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts,
than thousands elsewhere

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

Chorus x2

Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts,
than thousands elsewhere

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen; come once again to me
I will draw near to You; I will draw near to You

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:5-25

⁵ In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸ Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰ Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹ Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great

in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹ The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." ²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²² When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. ²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

MESSAGE: "Unexpected Patience" Rev. Jim Pazan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "People Look East"

Marilyn Gross, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

People look east the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People look east and sing today
Love the guest is on the way

Verse 2

Furrows be glad though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
In course the flower may flourish
People look east and sing today
Love the rose is on the way

Verse 3

Birds, though you long have ceased to build
Guard the nest that must be filled
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledgling time has chosen

People look east and sing today

Love the bird is on the way

Verse 4

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim
Shining beyond the frosty weather
Bright as sun and moon together
People look east and sing today
Love the star is on the way

Verse 5

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word the lord is coming
People look east and sing today
Love the Lord is on the way

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude: "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" Wilbur Held

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