

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 20, 2020

PRELUDE: "What Child Is This"
"O little town of Bethlehem" Merna McClenathen, flute

WELCOME: Rev. Jim Pazan

Call to Worship: Jeannie Cavender, CRE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: The Joiner Family

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
Marilyn Gross, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

Watchman tell us of the night
What its signs of promise are
Traveler o'er yon mountain's height
See that glory beaming star
Watchman does its beauteous ray
Aught of joy or hope foretell
Traveler yes it brings the day
Promised day of Israel

Verse 2

Watchman tell us of the night
Higher yet that star ascents
Trav'ler blessedness and light
Peace and truth its course portends
Watchman will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth
Trav'ler ages are its own
See it bursts o'er all the earth

Verse 3

Watchman tell us of the night
For the morning seems to dawn
Trav'ler darkness takes its flight
Doubt and terror are withdrawn
Watchman let thy wand'rings cease
Hie Thee to Thy quiet home
Trav'ler lo the Prince of Peace

Lo the Son of God is come

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Come Set Us Free"
Ernie and Alison Tamminga

Come, O come, Emmanuel,
Come, O come, on earth to dwell!
Come, deliver Israel!
Come to set us free!
All the angeles in the sky
Sing their praise to God on high
Soon He come on Christmas night
Come to set us free!

Hale, hallelujah, Hale, hallelujah

Hale, hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hale, hallelujah, Hale, hallelujah

Hale, hallelujah, Hallelujah

Come, O come, Emmanuel!

Come to set us free!

Ev'ry valley, lift your voice,

Ev'ry creature, now rejoice

Ev'rywhere a joyful noise,

Come to set us free!

Hale, hallelujah, Hale, hallelujah

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² 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 helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

MESSAGE: "Joyous Anticipation" 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: "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Marilyn Gross, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

If thou but trust God to guide thee,
And hope in him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whatever betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days:
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

Verse 2

Only be still, and wait his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all deserving love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To him who chose us for his own.

Verse 3

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
But do thine own part faithfully,
Trust the rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee;
God never yet forsook at need
The soul secured by trust indeed.

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude: "Joy to the World"