The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata

December 18, 2022

Welcome

Call to Worship

- Leader: Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come!
- People: We come ready to share God's love with the world.
- Leader: How do we respond to God's love? In the Bible, God's love is often shared through song.
- People: Music plays an important role in our faith. Some of those songs are joyful, others are lamentations. All of them guide us to God.

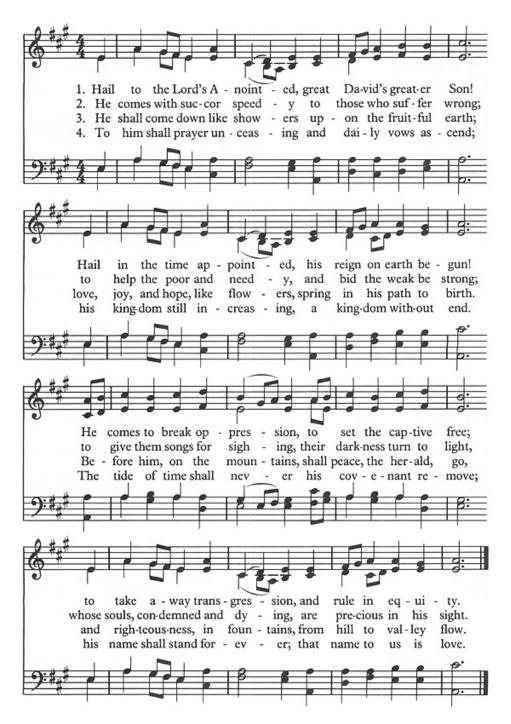
Prelude

Veni Emmanuel

Richard Purvis

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



*Lighting the Advent Candle

The Dennis Family

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you love the world so much, that you gave us your only Son. We now prepare to welcome that Son into our lives. This is how the world will know that we follow him; by how we love each other. Let all that we do be in done in love. Help us to love all of your children, even our enemies. Help us to love the way that you first loved us; unconditionally. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Christmas Lullaby arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*Offertory Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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

L et the Whole World Sing

by Joel Raney

Let the Whole World Sing On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Angels We Have Heard on High

Come, Come, Emmanuel O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

In the Bleak Midwinter Still, Still, Still

Christ Is Born, Sing Noel! Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Rise Up, Shepherd

	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Silent Night	
	Hear the News of Christmas Go, Tell It on the Mountain On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Good Christian Friends, Rejoice He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child O Come, All Ye Faithful	
	Let the Whole World Sing (Reprise)	
Chorus	All Hail, King Jesus	(sing twice)
	All Hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel, King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star. And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises, And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.	
Postlude	Finale in D Major	John Ernst Eberlyn

* Holiday Worship Schedule:

- Christmas Eve:
 - 5 PM (Contemporary Candlelight Service in Great Hall)
 - 7 PM (Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary with Acolytes Circle of Light)
 - 11 PM (Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary)
- Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 10 AM in the Sanctuary (On Christmas Day, remember to wear your Christmas PJs and/or ugly Christmas sweaters!)

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Our Cantata Choir

Soprano

Linda Babcock Lynn Caterson Niki Giberson Jean Killian Carole Lyons Kileen McNeill Patti Dee McNeill Sue Reitmeyer

Alto

Bette Alsobrook Sue Brownhill Jan Cobb Susan Hackett Naamah Leary Carol McMahon Diane Miller Freida Riblet Sharon Wilson

Tenor

Jim Caterson David Cobb Jack Cobb Jim Keeping Ernie Roberts

Bass

Jim Daly Ray Glanville Brian Southrey

Narrator:Reverend Dave LedfordPiano:Priscilla CunninghamViolin:Susan Elsayed / Drums:Adrian Padayhay

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Our Cantata is in memory of John and Valerie Civera and their son Johnny, with gratitude for their generous contribution to the music program of our church.

Our Cantata flowers are donated by Priscilla in honor of the choir who have worked long, hard hours to present this Cantata.