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Can Anything Good Come Out of South Jersey?

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Today's Lay Reader: Naamah Leary

Welcome

Prelude

Noel

Alexandre Guilmant

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **Good things come to those who listen to God.**

Leader: The voice of God calls to us! Are we listening?

People: **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, new things are in the air! With a new year, show us new opportunities. 2023 is past, but 2024 has just begun. Whether we have been or not, help us to be missional in 2024. Help our love, like yours, to be never ending. Help our missions be fruitful and impactful. What could come out of Absecon UMC this year? Maybe new ministries. Maybe new disciples. Maybe even new pastors. You are doing a new thing, and we can't wait to see what it is! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Let There Be Love

Let there be love shared among us, Let there be love in our eyes.
May now Your love sweep this nation. Cause us, O Lord to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding of brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us. Let there be love.

Senior Choir

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Paul Whitaker

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Carillon

Leo Sowerby

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with
me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system has the lyrics "live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly." The second system has the lyrics "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Benediction

Postlude

Swiss Noel with Variations

Louis Claude Daquin
