



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* Marty Haugen/arr. Mark Sedio Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Worship Leader, Kay Westburg

Leader: The Lord be with you! *People:* **And also with you!**

News From the Front Museum Without Walls

Executive Director, Suzanne Lacey

Passing of the Peace

Silent Listening

Light the Advent Candle

Larry Chen, Gena Morgan, and Kieran Chen

People: *We are God's people.
We light this candle
as a sign of God's joy,
who comes to us as dappled sunlight,
and makes a home among us.
O come, Immanuel.*

Song *Shine the Light of Your Love* by Mark Patterson

*Shine the light of Your love like a candle
In the darkness of our lives
Shine the light of Your love in our hearts, Lord
Come and shine the light of Your love*

Hymn #106 *Prepare The Way O Zion*

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near
Let every hill and valley a level way appear
Great One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name
He brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding (*Chorus*)
Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing (*Chorus*)

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading [Luke 1:46-55](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p 49)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Song #100 *Canticle of the Turning*

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that You bring to the ones who wait
You fixed Your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness You did not spurn
So from east to west shall My name be blest; could the world be about to turn
*My heart shall sing of the day You bring; let the fires of Your justice burn
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn*
Though I am small, my God, my all, You work great things in me
And Your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for You yearn
You will show Your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn (*Chorus*)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for Your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn
There are tables spread; ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn (*Chorus*)
Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around (*Chorus*)

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Children's Message

Colleen Harriott

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Leader: You have given all to me.

People: **To you, Lord, I return it.**

Leader: Everything is Yours.

People: **Do with it what You will.**

Leader: Give me only Your love and Your grace.

People: **That is enough for me.**

Offertory *Wake, Awake* John Horman

Choir

Wake, awake for night is flying the watchmen on the heights are crying

Awake, awake, Jerusalem, arise, arise, arise

Zion hears the watchmen singing; and all her heart with joy is springing

She wakes, she rises from the gloom

Wake, awake for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying

Awake, awake, Jerusalem, arise, arise, arise

For her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious

Her star is ris'n, her light is come

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Hymn #107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (verses 1 & 4)

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning

Sing out your joy, for soon He is born, behold! the Child of our longing

Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together

He opens wide the heavenly door and lives now inside us forever

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night. Though dark the winter and cheerless

The rising sun shall crown you with light; be strong and loving and fearless

Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story

May God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God >>[Click here for the Virtual Prayer Wall](#) Associate Pastor, Danielle Merseles

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Sermon *Awake to the Astonishing: Advent Joy*

Jeff Van Duzer

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Senior Pastor Doug Kelly and Danielle Merseles

Please come forward to form two lines. There are two ways to receive the sacrament: you may take a communion kit and partake of it in your pew; or you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup and partake of the elements. If you would like gluten-free, just ask your server for it. Those who do not wish to receive the sacraments can simply cross their arms and they will receive a brief blessing. A leader is available up front for intercessory prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Instrumental Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Stephanie Ngongo with Sylvia Oines

#88 Congregation, please sing the 6th verse after the instrumental music.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine Advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Hymn #79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs

The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace

As all the world in wonder echoes shalom

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread

And children's dreams are fed

Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes *(Chorus)*

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn

Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes *(Chorus)*

Benediction

Jeff Van Duzer

Postlude *Sleepers Awake* J.S. Bach

Sylvia Oines

* Congregation, please rise in body or in spirit.

Preaching Today Jeff Van Duzer

Leading Worship Kay Westburg

Ministers You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

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