



**December 20, 2020**

**Prelude** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Mark Sedio

*Sylvia Oines*

**Welcome**

*Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**News From the Front** Urban Impact

*Lynne Faris Blessing*

**Light the Peace Candle throughout Seattle and the World**

*Dave & Debbie Campbell*

We come before you, God, in response to  
and in need of the peace of Christ  
that sets our souls at ease  
like a letter bringing news  
that the ones we love are thriving

Even as we witness the wasting away  
of institutions and people we hold dear  
Despite the anxiety and anger all around  
the competing desires, the dementia  
and our "what-ifs" playing on continuous loop, we come

We come *because* your peace is beyond  
our capacities to establish or even imagine without you  
We come believing in a peace more profound  
than an agreeable mask of suppressed hostilities  
Jesus, help our unbelief

We come, Savior, for the comfort of a cozy tent  
on a well-stocked trek through the wilderness  
for the peace that resonates after the choir's last Hallelujah  
the smell of cinnamon and fresh bread in the kitchen  
children rocked to sleep in their grandparents' arms

We are God's people  
We light this candle  
as a sign of the peace of Christ  
who comes to us as a deep breath of fresh air  
and makes a home among us

O come, Immanuel

**Hymn** *My Soul In Stillness Waits* #89 (verses 4 & 6)

Kyla Conner

*For You, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits  
Truly my hope is in You*

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage  
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain  
Open to us the pathway of Your peace (*Chorus*)  
Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens  
Creator of the mountains and the seas  
Lord of the stars, and present to us now (*Chorus*)

**Silent Listening**

*Worship Leader, Timothy Chang*

**Scripture** Luke 1:46-55

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**Song** *Amen, Amen*

Kyla Conner

Let every creature rise and bring their grateful praises to our King  
Angels descend with songs again and Earth repeats a loud Amen

*Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen*

*I found my life, I found my life in Him; Amen, Amen*

Peace like a river from His throne will flow to nations yet unknown  
His word a light where all hope is dim and all tribes unite to cry "Amen" (*Chorus*)

And in this Child we'll find our rest and all the meek and lowly blessed  
An infant tongue could sing the hymn of Hallelujah and Amen (*Chorus*)

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**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Timothy Chang*

**Children's Message**

*Ellie, Rachel and Jesse Shoop*

**Hymn** *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear* #123 (verses 1 & 5)

*Sylvia Oines*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King"  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing  
For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing

**Our Response to God's Great Love** ([click here if you would like to give your offering online](#))

Timothy Chang

*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**

**Introduction to Spoken Word**

*Executive Director of Museum Without Walls, Suzzanne Lacey*

**Spoken Word**

*Sophia Tekola*

**Our Prayers to God**

*Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles*

**Song** *In Labor All Creation Groans*

*Kyla Conner*

In labor all creation groans 'til fear and hatred cease

'Til human hearts come to believe in Christ alone is peace

*Be our peace, be our peace, be our peace*

*Christ, our peace*

In labor all creation groans 'til war and violence cease

'Til swords are beaten into plows and will be our peace (*Chorus*)

In labor all creation groans 'til prejudice shall cease

'Til ev'ry race and tribe and tongue in Christ will live in peace (*Chorus*)

In labor all creation groans 'til false divisions cease

'Til enemies are reconciled and Christ alone their peace (*Chorus*)

**Benediction**

*Doug Kelly*

**Closing Song** *Go Now in Peace*

*Kyla Conner*

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go (*Repeat*)

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Sharing the Spoken Word with us today is Sophia Tekola.** Sophia was born and raised in Seattle. She is on the Associated Student Council for Seattle Central College as the Executive of Communication, and takes an active leadership role in the Black Student Union and in her community through political and social justice activism. Sophia is always up for the challenge and eagerly enters the unknown. She recently spent the summer in the Virgin Islands working with special needs children and learned more about the black Caribbean lifestyle there. As a first generation American, all cultures are significant to her.

**Leading worship today is Timothy Chang.** Timothy is a student teacher with the Federal Way Public Schools and has been attending Bethany for three and a half years. He lives in Tangletown, and on any given day, you might find him biking across Lake Washington on the 520 Trail, walking with a friend around Green Lake, or hitting the slopes of Crystal Mountain.

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