

Order of Service: Dec. 12, 2021

Gathering Music: "The Perfect Hour" [Michel Block], Carol Karl

Welcome: Mary-Jo Hennessy, Worship Associate

Opening Words: "The Wonder All Around Us" [Scott Tayler]

Lighting the Chalice: "New Light" [Charles Howe]

We light this chalice to affirm that new light
is ever waiting to break through.
May we be open to this light,
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us.

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(1) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching heart bid cheer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

(2) O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields to might.
O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed and war at last shall cease.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.

(3) O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your presence here.
And dawn in every broken soul as vision that can see the whole.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.

(4) O come, you Wisdom from on high, from depths that hide within a sigh,
to temper knowledge with our care, to render every act a prayer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.

Story for All Ages: "The Jacket That Came Home" [Margaret Silf], Jen McGlothlin

Stewardship Moment

Special Music: "Sing Out with Joy" [Jacques Arcadelt], Sunnyhill Choir

Joys and Sorrows: We hold you in our hearts.

Meditation and Prayer

Musical Meditation: #352 "Find a Stillness"

(1) Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,

I will find true harmony.

(2) Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Sermon: "Joy and Liberation," Rev. Jim Magaw

*Hymn: "Magnificat" [Taize]

Magnificat, Magnificat,
Magnificat anima mea Dominum

Designated Offering: CeaseFirePA

The mission of CeaseFirePA is "to end the epidemic of gun violence across the Commonwealth and our country through education, coalition building, and advocacy."

Offertory: Buddy Rieger

Extinguishing the Chalice: [Elizabeth Selle Jones]

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Words: "Hungering for Meaning" [Bruce Southworth]