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I will let you find me, says the Lord



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"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ~John 3:17

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

Faith

Felix Mendelssohn

Miriam Haddon

pianist

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

In respect and repentance toward indigenous peoples, we confess promises broken over the years.

P: As worship unites us today, many of us by water and on land stewarded since time immemorial by the Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, and other peoples of the Salish Sea, let us center ourselves for worship.

SILENCE FOR CENTERING

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✕ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

CANDLE-LIGHTING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v. 5)

#257

Thomas Helmore

5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mi - ser - y.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Pastor Alison Shane

Isaiah 64:1-4

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

In the church season of Advent, we wait. And we hope. And we remember all those who have called on God throughout the ages. Our God is one who tore open the heavens and came to earth, faithfully living, dying and rising in Jesus' search for you. This is the one in whom we place our faith and hope.

OPENING HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

#242

Marty Haugen



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its dawn-ing.
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a - sing - ing,
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the world is de - spair - ing,
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though dark the win - ter and cheer - less,



Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long-ing.
his hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
as morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
the ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear-less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er,
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness,
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der,
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry;



he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
the thun - der of his an - them roll to shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE – MAGNIFICAT FROM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Marty Haugen/Luke 1:46-55

1. My soul proclaims your great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in
 2. You have cast the might-y down from their thrones, and up-lift-ed the hum-ble of
 3. My soul proclaims your great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in

you, heart, you, you have looked with love on your ser-vant here, and

you have filled the hun-gry with won-drous things, and

you have looked with love on your ser-vant here, and

blessed me all my life through. Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,
 left the wealth-y no part. Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,
 blessed me all my life

strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more. How you fa-vor the
 strong is your jus-tice, strong your love, As you you prom-ised to

weak and low-ly one, hum-blung the proud of heart. through.
 Sar-ah and A-braham, kind-ness for-ev-er-more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Al-le lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal

life. Al-le lu - ia.

Al-le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. ¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

*[Related Reading: John 14:27]***P:** Word of God for the people of God. **C:** **Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Kent Shane

PRAYERS*After each portion of the prayers:***P:** God of compassion, **C:** **hear our prayer.***The prayers conclude:***P:** ...through Jesus Christ our redeemer. **C:** **Amen****OFFERING INTRODUCTION**

P: "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." God created a world in which the welfare of each is tied to the welfare of all. When we give, we seek to attend to the welfare of our neighbor, and in so doing, we bring in the kin-dom of God. To help bring in God's kin-dom, if you are here in the room, you may place your offering in the basket on your table or use your phone to go to pflc.org to give there. If you are participating online, go now to another browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

SPECIAL MUSIC*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Carolyne Taylor

Miriam Haddon

GOD NOURISHES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Alleluia! God is with you! C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to our God. C: We give God thanks and praise.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION

We are all gathered today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then all will commune together.

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love;
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us.
5. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen

GOD SENDS

BENEDICTION

P: God, the Root of hope,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth ✕ bless you, now and forever. C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

#723

Cooney/Irish traditional

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'rl, not a stone will be left on stone.
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re-mem - ber who holds us fast:
and my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
and your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound,

so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.

Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

SENDING

P: We are people gathered and sent in the love of Christ. Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major
G. F. Handel

PFLC VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

PFLC CORE VALUES

Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service

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YOUR SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

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Preacher:

Pastor Kent Shane

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Accompanist:

Miriam Haddon

Streaming Technician:

Jeff Hora

Reading for next week: Ezekiel 37:1-4; John 11:25-26