

DECEMBER 13, 2020
BULLETIN

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers -Manz

OPENING SENTENCES

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord!”
Let us line the road with beauty
and pave it with acts of justice.
For the Holy One is coming our way,
the giver of life and the source of living water.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We gather in this holy place to bear witness to
the Light.
**The love of God shines upon us
and reveals the truth of God’s mercy.**
We gather in this holy place to bear witness to
the Truth.
**The truth of our gospel is good news for the
oppressed
and a balm for the brokenhearted.**

HAND BELL MEDITATION

“People Look East”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Your love is good news for the oppressed,
O Lord,
and you bind up the brokenhearted.
Forgive us, O God,
when we think that your good news is only
for us.
Forgive us, O God,
when we twist your gospel into something
that fits comfortably into our lives.
By your light,
let us see you leading us beyond ourselves
and into the world you love.
By your grace,
forgive us, and free us to try again. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

SOLO Jackie Davis, soloist

PSALM 126

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON

SOLO: Jackie Davis, Soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Carol # 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Comfort, comfort now my people;
Tell of Peace! So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim
that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover,
And their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance,
Since the reign of God is here.
O, That warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Tell Out My Soul: -Manz

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