

DECEMBER 6, 2020  
BULLETIN

PRELUDE

Come, Now Savior of the Nations

-Buxtehude

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

A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”  
A choir sings in the silence,  
“Come, Emmanuel.”  
Every valley shall be filled.  
Every heart shall be made whole,  
for peace is stronger than turmoil,  
and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle,  
**we pray for the holy peace of God.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**Come now, O Prince of Peace.**

HANDBELL MEDITATION

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,” your prophet  
says to us.**  
**Forgive us when we have failed to prepare  
your way.**  
**Forgive us when we have stood in your way,  
instead:**  
**when we let the challenging words of your  
prophets roll off of lives,  
rather than let them spark change;**  
**when we walk around a neighbor in need,  
rather than encounter a chance for**

compassion.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance  
that the glory of your coming does not depend  
upon the righteousness of your followers.  
Forgive us, O Lord, 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

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits                     -Haugen  
Maria Goodrich, soloist

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

ISAIAH 40:1-11

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fear and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit raise us to the glorious throne.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads   -Guilmant

Organist:     Jeff Seekins  
Pastor: Jim Hardy