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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

J. S. Bach

***OPENING HYMN:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs 1-5

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: A tiny jewel of light dances on the edge of the horizon:
a solitary star before sunrise glimmers a promise of dawn at
the end of the world’s blight.

PEOPLE: It is the light of the World,
“Emmanuel” (God-with-us), the Promised One.

ALL: Come to us, Emmanuel! We have seen your light and
gather here awaiting the day of your coming.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

God of love and mercy, thank you for your great gift of your Child,
Jesus Christ, who fills us with all that we need.

Merciful God, we are fully aware that not all your children are able to
bask in joy or peace during this season.

We pray for peace within all walls: walls within our own homes, walls
that surround each city and town.

We pray that during this season of Advent we may usher your promise
of salvation into our lives and that we may share the Good News of
our Savior with others.

We pray that the promise of your birth may be the promise that we
live in and share at home, at work and at school.

May we be moved to compassion and action in your name.

We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ.## Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our
hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to
love; habits we never got around to changing; good things we have
left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others.

Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever!** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Scripture: Luke 3:4-6

Bernie & Elfie Hummel

⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Lighting the Candle of Faith

Prayer-unison

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Your only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds. You, O God, will live and reign forever. Amen.

Sung Response: “A Candle is Burning” v. 4

V6

A candle is burning, a candle of love,

A candle to point us to heaven above.

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,

For Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

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A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 Page 1148

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Call to Advent*

By J. Jerome Williams

A quodlibet on Picardy and Veni Emanuel

Sung by Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: “Change is Possible”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

THE OFFERTORY: *Picardy*

arr. John Carter

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: “I Come with Joy”

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Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

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. Amen.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~*unison*

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People”

V883

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *The Second Sunday of Advent* Charles-Alexis Chauvet

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Tim Peiffer. **Guest Organist** is Gail DeBoer. **Fellowship Hour** will be available after service, please come enjoy.

Today’s flowers are given by Mary Johnston in dedication to her friend, Rhonda Nightingale, who died in 2016. Today (12/4) would have been her 61st birthday.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Ed Collett, Mabel Peterson, Stephen Simonson, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, and Ellen Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Gerard Adinolfi 12/05, Robbie Juliano 12/07, James Studley 12/08, Merrilee Gladkosky 12/11.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Karen & David Linsky, Edward & Mary Ellen Collett 12/06.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas potluck dinner: Women’s Fellowship is having a Christmas potluck dinner at 6 pm on December 5th. Please email Cheryl Bogert ca.bogert48@gmail.com to let her know what you will bring by December 1st. We will need main dishes, salads, and desserts. We will also have our “tacky grab bag,” so bring your gift!

Angel Tree: All gifts will need to be in the church office by December 15th. Thank you for your generosity.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	12/4	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) OASIS Improv Afternoon (SGC) ADVENT NIGHT (CH)
Monday	12/5	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00	Funeral – Millie Gherlone Stankiewicz Retired Federal Employees (CH) WF CHRISTMAS POT LUCK (CH)
Tuesday	12/6	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	12/7	9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CLEANING (Sang) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom)
Thursday	12/8	7:00 p.m. 7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	12/9	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN BenHaven (CH) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	12/10		
Sunday	12/11	9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) Music Together – Jingle Jam Holiday Concert (DBL)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

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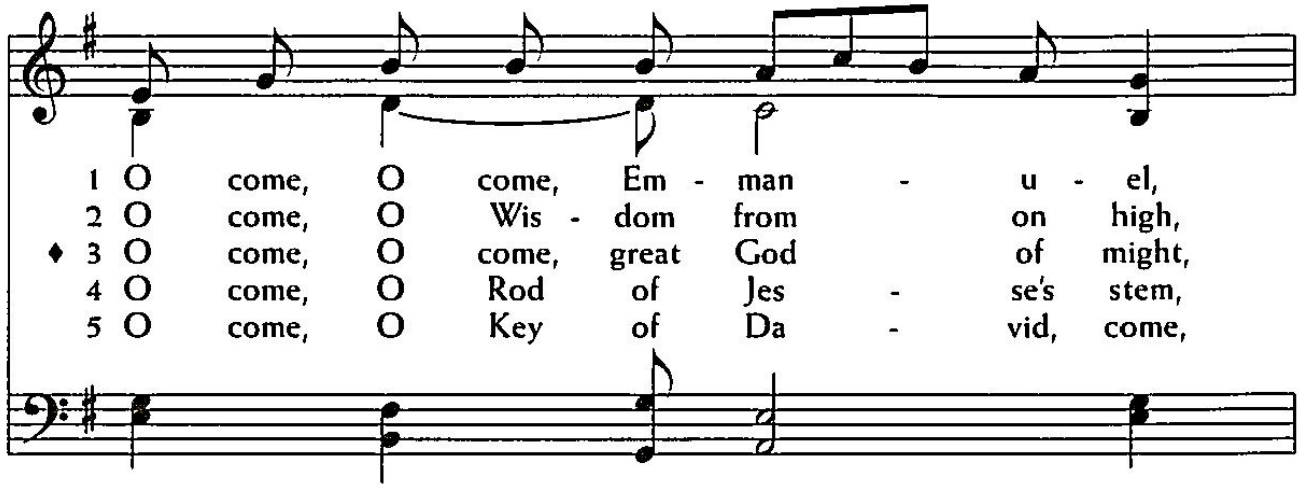
*OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1-5

V1

Unison Em

Am

Em



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 ♦ 3 O come, O come, great of God of might,
 4 O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

D

Bm

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Bm

Em

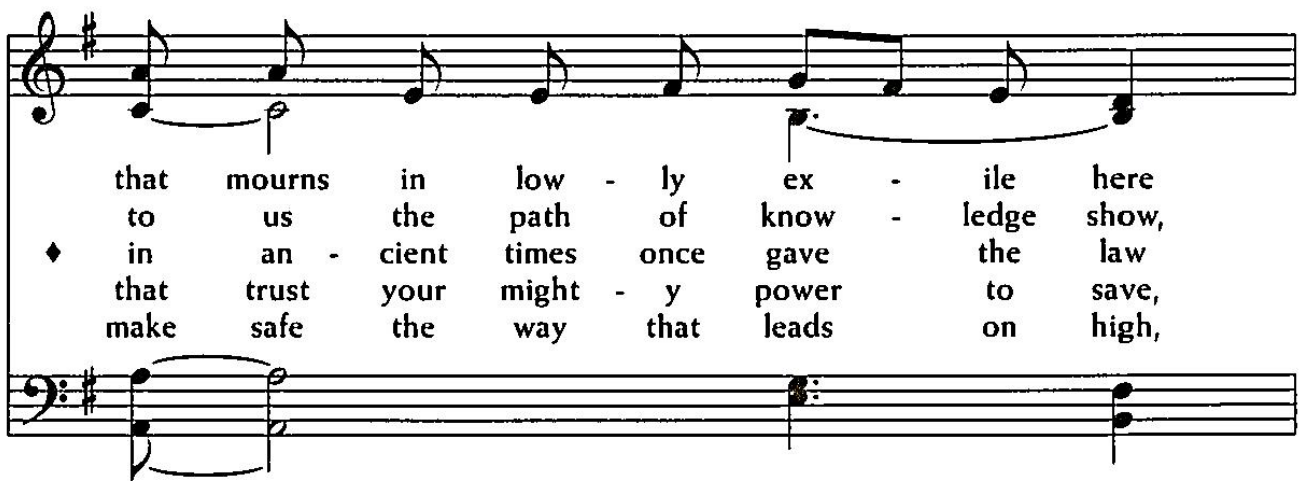


and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el
 who or - ders all things might i - ly,
 ♦ who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 from ev - ery foe de - liv - er them
 and o - pen wide our heav - enly home;

Am

Em

Bm



that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here
 to us in the path of know - ledge show,
 ♦ in an - cient times once gave the law
 that trust your might - y power to save,
 make safe the way that leads on high,

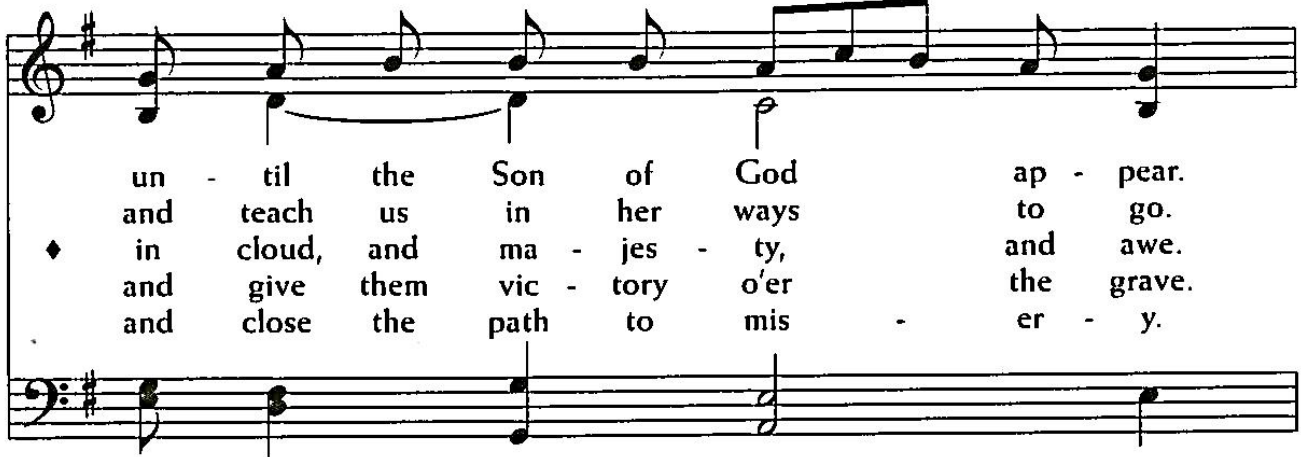
Em

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G

Am

Em



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in her ways to go.
 ♦ in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - tory to o'er the grave.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Refrain

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Em Bm

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Am Bm

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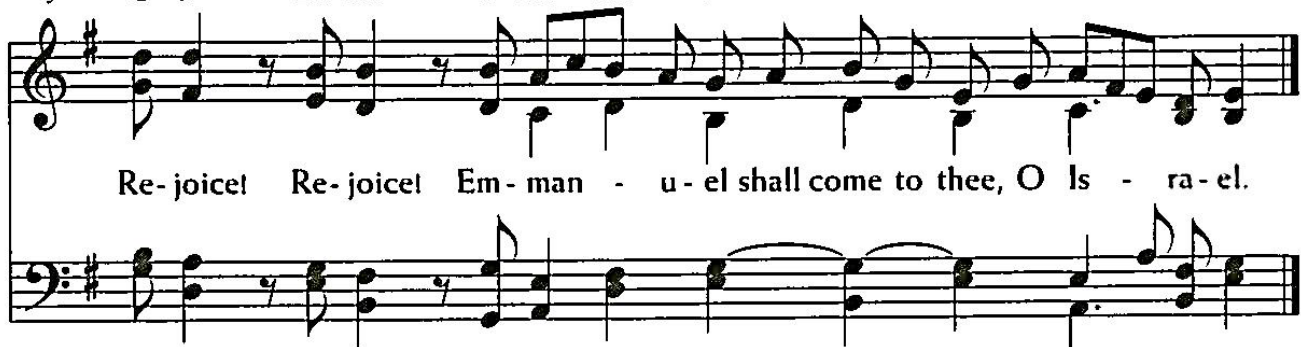
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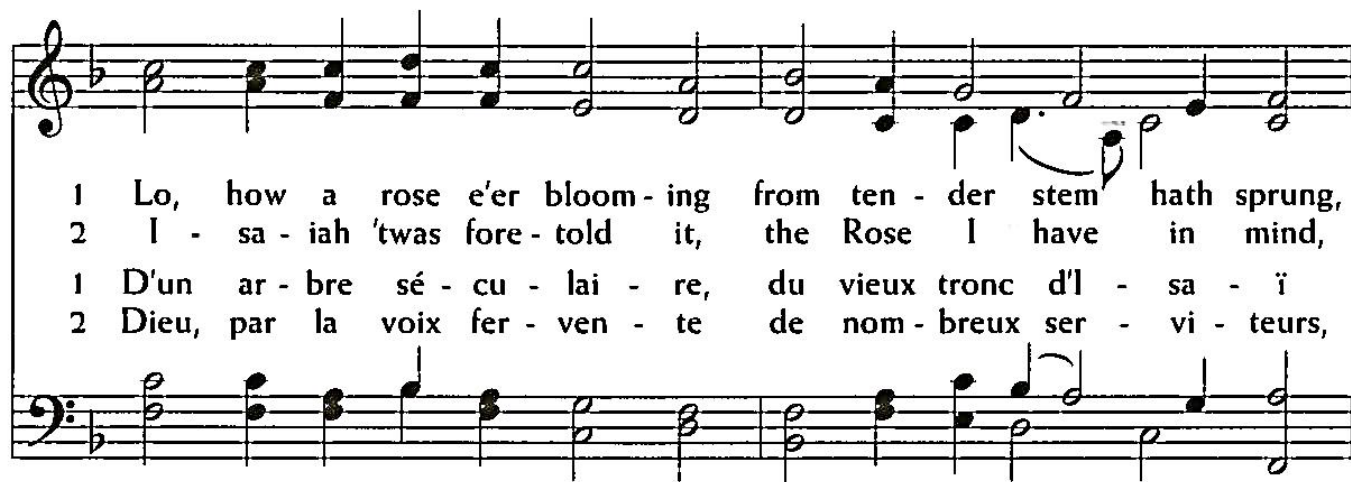
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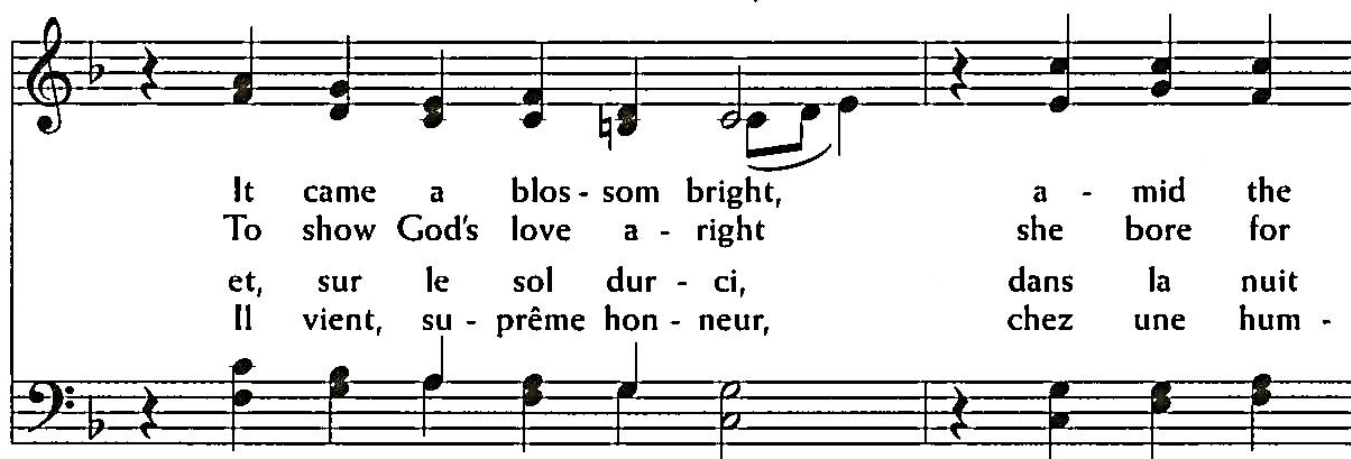
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 1 D'un ar - bre sé - cu - lai - re, du vieux tronc d'I - sa - ï
 2 Dieu, par la voix fer - ven - te de nom - breux ser - vi - teurs,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 du - rant l'hi - ver aus - tè - re, un frais ra - meau jail - lit,
 à son peuple en at - ten - te, pro - met - tait un Sau - veur.



It came a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right she bore for
 et, sur le sol dur - ci, dans la nuit
 Il vient, su - prême hon - neur, chez une hum -



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - iour when half spent was the night.
 calme et clai - re, u - ne rose a fleu - ri.
 ble ser - van - te, toute à son pur bon - heur.

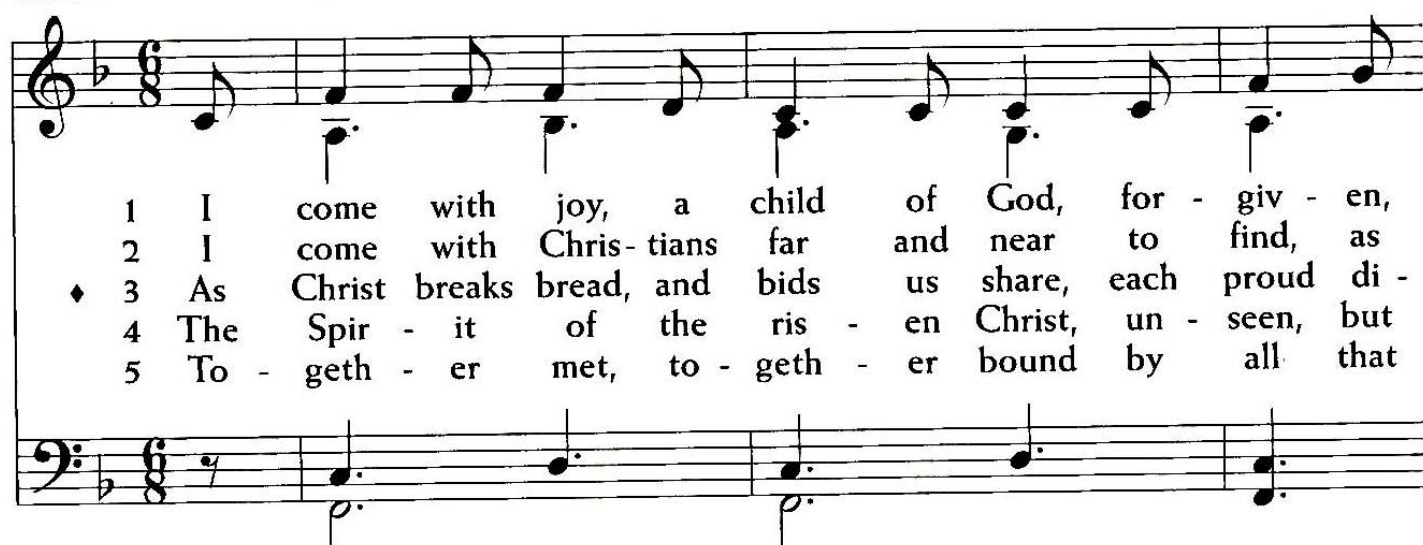


Unison

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
♦ 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

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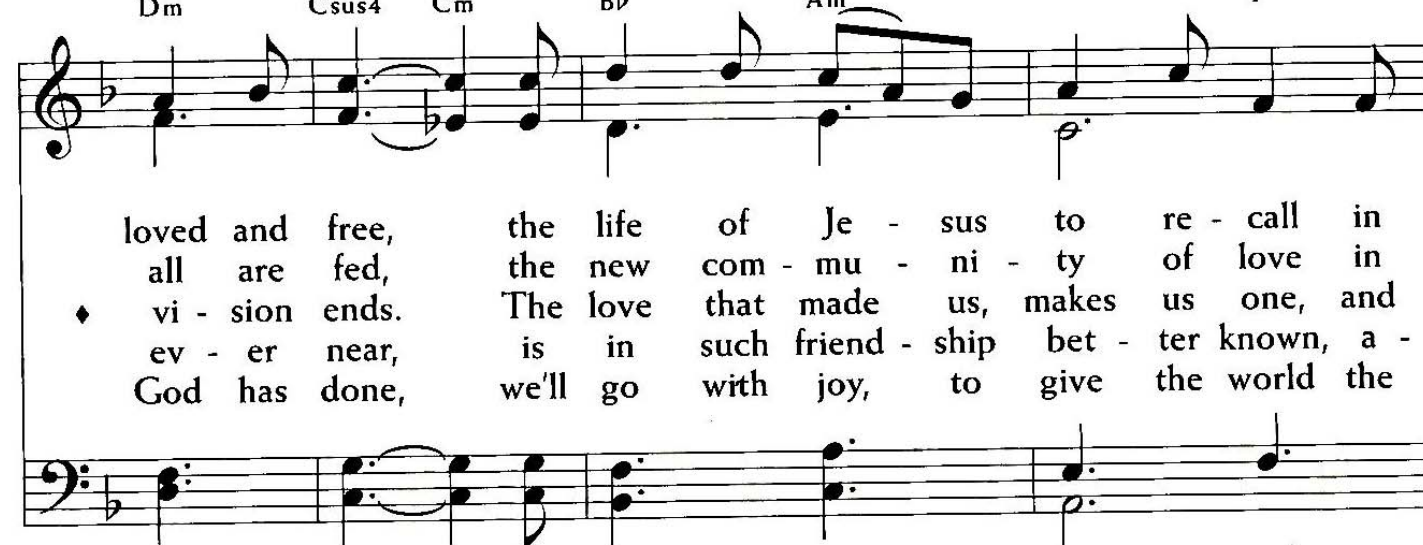
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Am

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loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
♦ 3 vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
4 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
5 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

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Am

B \flat

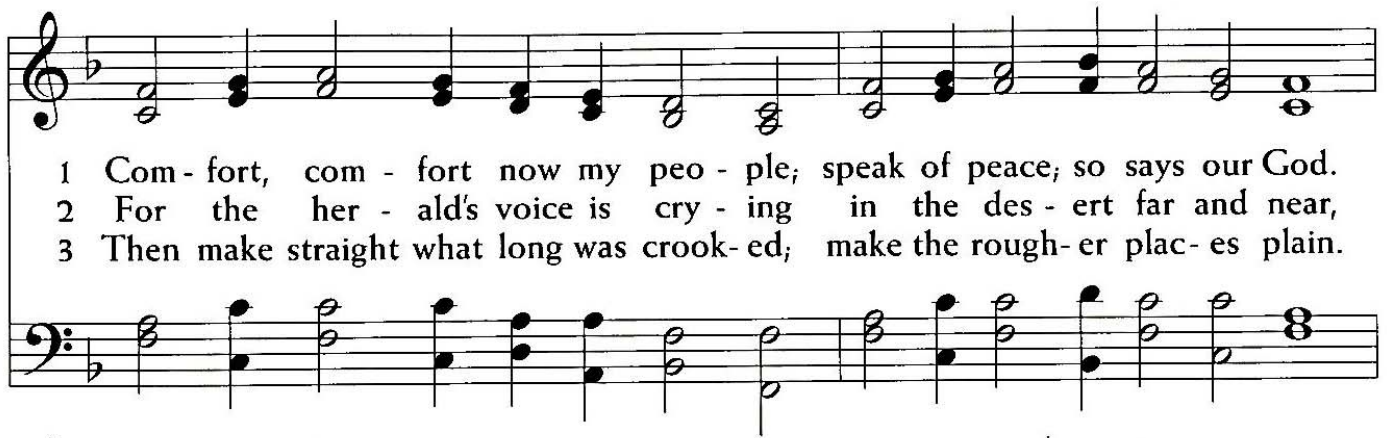
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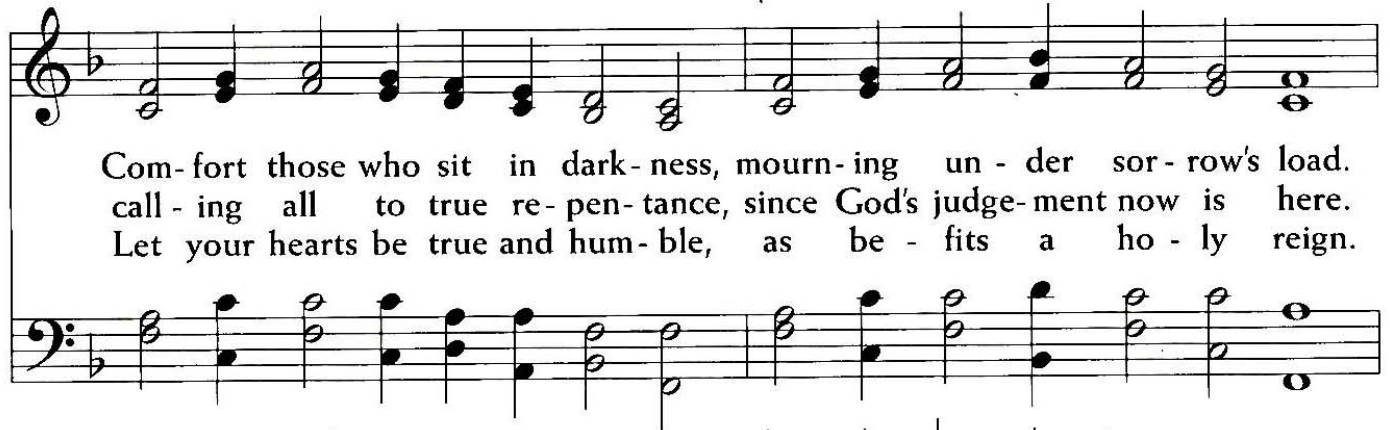
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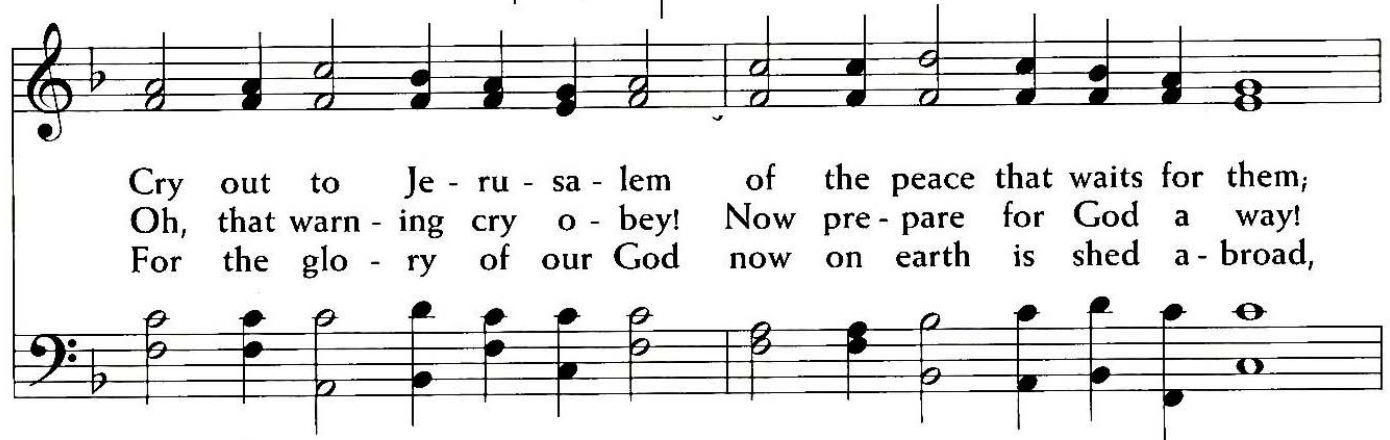
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
♦ 3 stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
5 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.



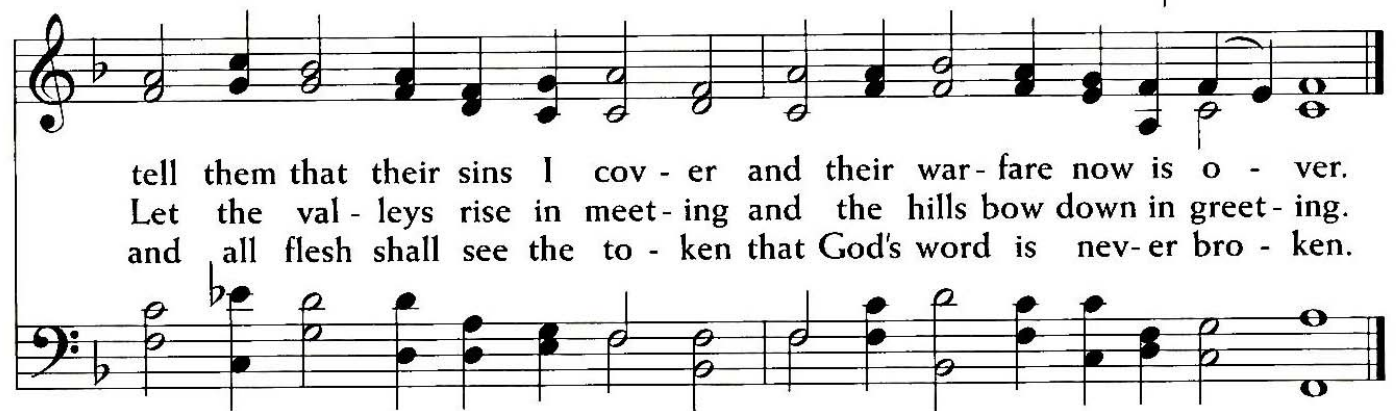
1 Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; speak of peace; so says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Then make straight what long was crook - ed; make the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing all to true re - pen - tance, since God's judge - ment now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits a ho - ly reign.



Cry out to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of our God now on earth is shed a - broad,



tell them that their sins I cov - er and their war - fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.



**With gratitude, we
share the names of
those who have pledged
to support the annual
budget of 2023:**

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