

"Jesus, Our Hope"

Advent I – Midweek Service

December 5, 2012

Hymn Sing

10:00 Anthem

"Celebrate Nativity"

Children's Choir

(Rise)

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Responsive Psalmody of Hope (Selected Psalm Verses)

Pastor: In you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

People: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Pastor: Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

Men: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,

Women: and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:2-5)

Pastor: The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose **hope** is in his unfailing love,

People: to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: We wait in **hope** for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Men: In him our hearts rejoice,

Women: for we trust in his holy name.

All: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you. (Psalm 33:19-22)

Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my **hope**.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Pastor: O Israel, put your **hope** in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

People: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. (Psalm 130:5-8)

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us great and precious promises in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare once again to celebrate His birth in Bethlehem, grant us to trust in Him, worship Him in spirit and truth, and fill our hearts with hope and expectation of His return in glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

Old Testament Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 42:1-10

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." This is what God the LORD says—he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

6:00 Anthem

"Celebrate Nativity"

Children's Choir

(Rise) Reading of the Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-27

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to

the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

(Be seated)

Sermon Hymn: # 342 "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.

As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword – Come, open heaven's door.

Sermon Theme:

"Hopes Dashed and Hopes Fulfilled" Text: Luke 24:13-27

Advent Offerings As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

Responsive Prayer

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Pastor: Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

People: have mercy and hear us.

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.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

10:00

Pastor: I cry to you, O Lord;

People: in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with your praise,

People: and with your glory all the day.

Pastor: Every day I will bless you

People: and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,

People: O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Pastor: He redeemed your life from the pit

People: and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: let my cry come to you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn # 575 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. CONTINUED

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

6:00

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

People: and let your saints shout for joy.

Pastor: Lord, keep this nation under your care,

People: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

People: and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: let my cry come to you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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Advent Worship
Wednesday December 12th

Jesus Our Joy
10:00am & 6:00pm

4:45pm Advent Dinner:
Chicken Noodle Soup