

Traditional Service
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Connecting to God and One Another
A Messiah Will Come...

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Connecting to Our Past

April 22, 2018

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

Saving God, the prophet Anna and righteous Simeon sang your praise and proclaimed Jesus our Lord to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. Let us who seek redemption in this day prepare our hearts, that we may believe the good news of Jesus, receive the light of salvation and live according to your word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

"My Lord, What a Morning"

arr. Thygerson

INTROIT

"Freedom Is Coming"
Chancel Choir

Traditional South African

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel.

People: Come and bring the light of God.

Leader: Come and walk among us.

People: Be our Savior and our Friend.

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel.

All: Come to bring us your peace.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

United Methodist Hymnal

No. 196

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and joy, after a long time of waiting, you sent your son, Jesus, to bring hope and salvation to a heartsick world. We trust that Jesus' spirit is still with us, and longs to bring us out of the dark places in our lives, offering forgiveness and love to each of us. Keep our minds and hearts open to receive the saving love with which you surround us. Hold us, comfort us, and strengthen us so we can live fully in your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of Jesus Loves Me, #191, as children gather.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:45)

OFFERING OF MUSIC "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Hans Leo Hassler

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-7 *Old Testament*, p.638

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:27-35 *New Testament*, p. 59

MESSAGE "A Messiah Will Come... and Comes!" **Rev. Sharon Ragland**
(Third in the series, *Connecting to Our Past*)

CALL TO PRAYER "Emanuel, Emanuel" *UMH*, No. 204

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Alleluia, Amen" Carl Wiltse

OFFERING

Offertory "Give Me Jesus" arr. Hayes
Ruben Morales

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *UMH*, No. 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:15)

***CLOSING HYMN** "Joy to the World" *UMH*, No. 246
(stanzas 1, 2, 4)

***SUNG BENEDICTION** "Shalom to You" *UMH*, No. 666

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "The Strife Is O'er" Palestrina, Monk/arr. Broughton