



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

*We are Waiting*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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Rev. Keith Fink

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## 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

UNISON: Jesus is coming to earth again,  
What if it were today?  
Coming in power and love to reign,  
What if it were today?  
Coming to claim His chosen bride  
All the redeemed and purified  
Over this whole earth scattered wide,  
What if it were today? (Hymn 170)

Leader: Just as surely as the time fully came for Jesus' birth, the day of His return will also be accomplished. Prepare us, Lord, so when the time is fully come, we will be ready to be with you.

Lighter: We light this candle on the second Sunday in Advent to celebrate Jesus' coming again to reign over all the earth.

UNISON: Some scoff and say, "Where is this 'coming' He promised?" But they have forgotten that, with the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:3, 8-9).

*We Are Waiting*  
Waiting on the Shoot  
Isaiah 11:1-10

**Question:** What is worthy of our most profound longing/waiting?

**I. See How Hopeless is the Context of Our Waiting (1)**

**II. See How Wondrous is the One for Whom We Wait (2-5)**

**III. See How Remarkable is The Peace He Brings (6-9)**

**IV. See How He is a Signal for People of All Nations to find Rest (10)**

*“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14-15)*

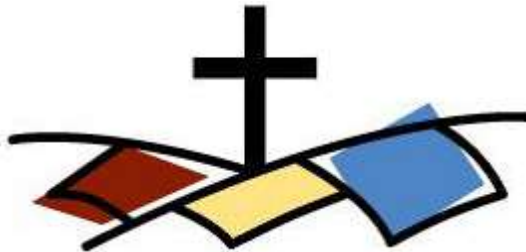
*“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.” (John 12:32-33)*

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**Points to Ponder:** Are we waiting on the one who alone who can bring a remarkable peace throughout all of creation? And are we calling others to wait with us?

**Next Week:**

Next Sunday we will continue our Advent sermon series entitled *We Are Waiting* by considering **Isaiah 42:18-25 and 52:13-53:12** ‘Waiting on the Servant.’



## **My Soul Magnifies the Lord**

Good news of great joy  
For every woman every man  
This will be a sign to you  
A baby born in Bethlehem  
Come and worship, do not be afraid

A company of angels: "Glory in the highest!"  
And on the earth a peace among  
Those on whom His favor rests  
Come and worship, do not be afraid

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord  
My soul magnifies the Lord  
He has done great things for me  
Great things for me

Unto you a child is born  
Unto us a Son is given  
Let every heart prepare His throne  
Let every nation under Heaven  
Come and worship, do not be afraid

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord  
My soul magnifies the Lord  
He has done great things for me  
Great things for me

Of his government there will be no end  
He'll establish it with His righteousness  
And He shall reign on David's throne  
And His name shall be from this day on  
Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord  
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My soul my soul magnifies the Lord  
My soul magnifies the Lord  
He has done great things for us  
Great things for us

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## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for  
those who are in Christ Jesus.

## **Praise God from Whom All Blessings**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

Words: *Doxology* by Thomas Ken, 1709  
Music: *Old Hundredth* from Genevan Psalter, 1551

## **What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest**

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
This, this is Christ the King  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
This, this is Christ the King  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant, king, to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
This, this is Christ the King  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Traditional English Melody (16th century);  
Words by William C. Dix 1865

## Fullness of Grace

Fullness of Grace in man's human frailty  
This is the wonder of Jesus  
Laying aside His power and glory  
Humbly He entered our world  
Chose the path of meanest worth  
Scandal of a virgin birth  
Born in a stable cold and rejected  
Here lies the hope of the world

Fullness of Grace the love of the Father  
Shown in the face of Jesus  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity  
Walking the Calvary road  
Christ the holy Innocent  
Took our sin and punishment  
Fullness of God despised and rejected  
Crushed for the sins of the world

Fullness of hope In Christ we had longed for  
Promise of God in Jesus  
Through His obedience we are forgiven  
Opening the floodgates of heaven  
All our hopes and dreams we bring  
Gladly as an offering  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable  
God's gift in love to the world

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## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King"  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King"

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739  
Music by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840;  
arr. William H. Cummings, 1856

