



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

We are Waiting

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Take My Life and Let It Be

Call to Worship

Advent Liturgy

The Gould Family

Song

Angels from the Realms of Glory – #108

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Song

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – #114

Offertory

The First Noel – Paul Gundersen

Prayers of the People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High – #93

New Testament

1 Peter 2:21-25 – Bill Riggs

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

Waiting on the Servant

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come – #92

Benediction

Postlude

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

UNISON: When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey (Hymn 321)

Leader: The psalmist encourages us to trust in the only One worthy of our trust – the God of Jacob – the one whom we should praise as long as we live.

Lighter: We light this candle on the third Sunday in Advent to remember we are called to trust in the Lord with all our hearts.

UNISON: “God is the hope and the help of the needy. Jesus affirms his concern for the poor and afflicted. He does not separate the social and spiritual needs of people, but attends to both. While God is the hope of the needy, we are His instruments to help here on earth (Karen H. Jobes, *The Days of His Coming*).”

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Waiting on the Servant
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Question: Why do we so often seek to shift blame to others? What does that suggest about how we seek to deal with our guilt?

I. The Servant's Exaltation and Suffering (53:13-52:3)

~ We esteemed him not.

II. The Servant - Our Sin Bearer (53:4-6)

~ He was not merely suffering with us, but for us.

III. The Servant's Voluntary and Undeserved Death (53:7-9)

~ Why would he do this?

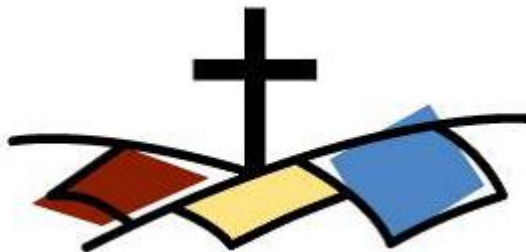
IV. The Servant Makes Many Righteous (53:10-12)

~ How could God love us like this?

Points to Ponder: God through his prophet Isaiah invites us to "Behold my servant." Advent is a great opportunity for us to behold - to look again at this one we know as Jesus. He is described as being pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities - all towards the end that he might make us righteous before God. Ask: Is that true of me? If so, marvel anew at why he would do this.

Next Week:

Next Sunday we will continue our Advent sermon series entitled *We Are Waiting* by considering **Ezekiel 34:11-31**: 'Waiting on the Shepherd.'



Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant Light

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King
Amen

Words by James Montgomery, 1816
Music by Henry T Smart, 1867

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to His presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia
Alleluia Lord most high
Amen

Words from *Liturgy of St. James*, 5th century
Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864
Traditional French melody, 17th century
Hymn version, 1906

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary Joseph lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Traditional French Carol and Melody

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Words by Isaac Watts, 1719
Music by George Frederick Handel, 1742
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

