



The Lord's Day

December 6, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her ~ by Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

(From Psalm 55)

Leader: Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

All: I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

Leader: Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

All: He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

*Hymn of Praise

Hymn # 214

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. 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.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*Confessing Our Faith Together: Luke 1:46b-50

(recite in unison)

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation."

Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:6

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

*Please use the offering plate in the narthex after the service,
mail your gift to the office, or give online at <https://www.gospelfellowshipcca.org/give>*

Offertory

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*Hymn of Response

Hymn # 733

Doxology

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Offertory Prayer

Verse of the Month

(recite in unison)

Isaiah 9:2 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn # 213

What Child Is This

1. 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:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Pastoral Prayer & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon

“The Sign of the Virgin”

Rev. Dr. Matthew Everhard

Hymn of Invitation

Hymn # 194 (vs. 1, 2)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Deacon's Caring Ministry Offering

Hymn of Commitment

Hymn # 194 (vs. 3, 4)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Benediction**

***Hymn # 740**

Threefold Amen

1. Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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