

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

First Sunday of Advent – Peace

November 29, 2020



The Need of the Light Within

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

– Marianne Williamson

NOVEMBER 29, 2020. ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter (Lloyd Larson)
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Jamie Mulfinger)/Still, Still, Still (Mark Hayes)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Peace

MISSION MOMENT

Liz Campe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alayne McNulty

One Voice: God of many names,
Many Voices: Lover of all nations,
One Voice: We pray for peace,
Many Voices: In our hearts, in our homes,
One Voice: In our nation, in our world,
All Voices: Grant that we may be instruments of peace, in Your name, for Your Creation. Amen!
George Appleton, Adapted from The Oxford Book of Prayer (Oxford University Press, 1985)

HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With Christ as our Savior
Family are we
Let me walk with each other
In peace and harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

SCRIPTURE:

Alayne McNulty

Isaiah 11:1-5 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth ; with the breath of his lips, he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Matthew 5:14a

You are the light of the world.

One Voice:
Many Voices:

The word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to G

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

CHILDREN’S MOMENT and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Vision Prayer

The music for today’s anthem, based on a traditional Irish melody, has been combined with words by Eileen Berry.

Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine,
And now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine.
His light has cleared my vision of all its binding lies;
And spread His truth and beauty before my wandering eyes.

Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see,
The dying of my Savior has given life to me.
And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour
Has left the dark tomb empty and free’d me from its power.

O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart,
This brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart.
And as I shine this gospel in every darkened place,
O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face.
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19**

SERMON

The Need of the Light Within

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Peaceful Christmas

Arr. Kevin Keil

WELCOME

We welcome Liz Campe to worship today and as the Mission Moment presenter. Liz is a part of the Cultivation Relationship Team at Bright Hope where she has the opportunity to hear and experience firsthand the incredible stories of impact of Bright Hope programs around the world. She has a love of sharing stories and photos of lives being transformed through them. She has a heart for “the least of these,” and a love for traveling and experiencing other cultures. She is the mother of 2 girls and one really good, looking guy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AND OFFICE HOURS. Beloved, because of Illinois’ rising Covid numbers, the church Council has voted to return to virtual worship. Each Sunday a small group of folks (less than 10) will be sure the services are ready and streamed on Facebook. Please continue to meet us on Sunday morning at 9:45 for the prelude and 10 am for worship at www.facebook.com/ccbarrington/live. Also, during this time, we will staff the office with one to two of us at a time (Dr. Sami, Sandy, or Pastor Zina). If you need to drop by or need us to do anything for you, please call to be sure we are here. We will staff the office, each day, 8 am – 3 pm. However, from time to time we run errands and we do not want to miss your smiling face. Thank you for your continued contributions and your continued prayers.

REMEMBER HAVE YOUR ADVENT WREATH READY TO LIGHT YOUR ADVENT CANDLE.

Each Sunday, we will light our Advent candle in the Sanctuary and we ask you to light (well turn on) your Advent candles with us. Blessings of the season of Advent be yours.

BARRINGTON GIVING DAY. It is that time of year again. We hope you might be willing to purchase children's boots, sizes 8 – 16, and donate them to Barrington Giving Day. The drop off box is outside the church office door. The deadline is December 9th. Please be a blessing to a child who will stay safe and warm because of your generous heart. And, if you need a personal shopper, or someone to pick up boots you have purchased, Jim Majzan is your guy. Jim is available to come to your home and pick-up cash to purchase boots or, boots you have purchased. *Thank you, Jim.*

NEXT SUNDAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY. As you prepare to join us for worship next Sunday, be sure you have something before you that will serve as the cup and something before you that will serve as the bread. We will bless your elements, whatever they are, and share in the service of the Lord’s Supper.

