

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

Third Sunday of Advent – Love

December 13, 2020



What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

**DECEMBER 13, 2020
ORDER OF SERVICE**

PRELUDE

*Of the Father's Love Begotten (Mark Hayes) Did Mary Know (Jack Schrader)
Love Came Down at Christmas (Mark Hayes)*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Love

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ted Newman

One Voice: God's Spirit has shown us the way to peace.
Many Voices: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.
One Voice: God's Grace has shown us that there is hope.
Many Voices: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.
One Voice: God's Spirit has poured out on us abundant joy.
Many Voices: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY
One Voice: God's Spirit has led us here.
ALL VOICES: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city, stood lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby, in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.

SCRIPTURE:

Ted Newman

Luke 2:25-35 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon^[d] took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

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

Breath Of Heaven

I have traveled many moonless nights. Cold and weary with a babe inside
And I wonder what I've done. Holy father you have come
And chosen me now to carry your son
I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone? Be with me now.

Breath of heaven, hold me together, be forever near me
Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness. For you are holy

Breath of heaven, do you wonder as you watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my place, but I offer all I am
For the mercy of your plan, help me be strong. Help me be. Help me

Breath of heaven, hold me together, be forever near me
Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness. For you are holy
Repeat

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)**

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Angels We Have Heard on High**Arr. Mary McDonald***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.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE/WORSHIP HOURS

The Church Office will be open through 3 pm on Tuesday, December 22nd. We will be closed Christmas Eve, through Tuesday, January 5th. We will reopen the office at 8 am on the 5th. Regarding worship, we will meet for (virtual) worship on Sunday December 27th and Sunday January 3rd. The prelude will begin at 9:45 am and worship will begin at 10 am. "See" you there.

THE LONGEST NIGHT – BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE (VIRTUAL).

Beloved, Christmas 2020 is different from any Christmas prior. As a people, and as a nation, we have come through many transformative moments. We have been shaped by it all. At 6 pm on Sunday, December 20th, the Sunday closest to the longest night of the year, we will gather, virtually by Zoom, to share in a brief, contemplative, quiet service of worship. We will focus on the challenges we have faced, while looking forward in hope. The Zoom link will be shared closer to the 20th. We hope you will join us for this moment of meditation and hope. A bulletin will be mailed to you to this week. Please watch for an envelope with lots of goodies in it.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (VIRTUAL)

Join us, this year, for a Virtual Christmas Eve Service. Be sure to have your Advent Wreath and your white, center, Christ Candle. We will end this Christmas Eve Service, as we end every Service, singing Silent Night and passing the beautiful, warm, joyful light of Christ. The Christmas Eve Bulletin will be mailed to you this week. Please watch for an envelope with lots of goodies in it.

