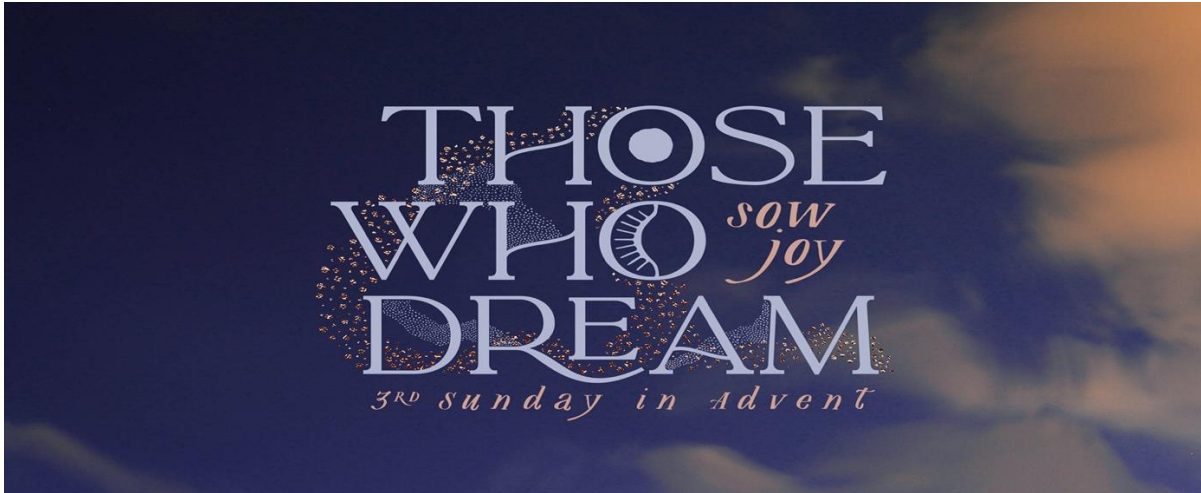


Corbin Presbyterian Church



December 13, 2002

11:00 a.m.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Luke 1:46-55

Gathering Around the Word

*No matter where we worship, God is with us. Worship is a way of life, not just an event or a physical space.
We cultivate sacred space by slowing down and being still enough to recognize God's presence in our midst, wherever we are.*

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst
1874-1934

Opening Prayer & Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the season of holy waiting.

We wait for the One whose word can set captives free.

We watch for the day when all who mourn will know gladness and praise.

We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.

Come, let us walk in the light of God.

Let us worship God with joy!

Hymn

Joy to the World

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all 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.

Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Joy

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light the 1st candle in hope. We light the 2nd candle for peace. We light the 3rd candle in joy.

Hear the promise of peace from I Thessalonians 5:16-18:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances:

For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer: God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, you are our salvation; we trust in you and are not afraid. Lead us to draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. God of promise, God of joy, into our darkness come. Amen.

Response:

*The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.*

LYONS

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil?
You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us?
You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself;
why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you?
You have send the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light?
Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

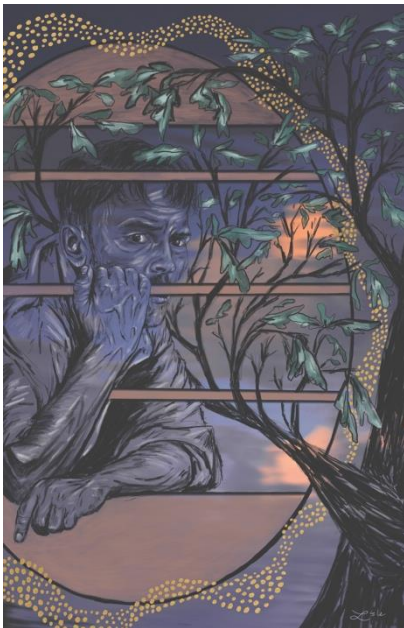
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11



61 *The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.*

⁸ *For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge*

that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
 so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

Scripture Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
 we were like those who dream.
² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy;
 then it was said among the nations,
 “The Lord has done great things for them.”
³ The Lord has done great things for us,
 and we rejoiced.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
 like the watercourses in the Negeb.
⁵ May those who sow in tears
 reap with shouts of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
 bearing the seed for sowing,
 shall come home with shouts of joy,
 carrying their sheaves.



Scripture Luke 1:46b-55



... “My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Sermon

Those Who Dream...Sow Joy

The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

Responding to the Word

Hymn

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

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*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain: *My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for your yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.*

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise that holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray, saying,

**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.**

Offering & Dedication of Pledges

*Even though we cannot present our gifts during an in-person service of worship today, we still respond with gratitude for the gifts God has
given to us. Tithes and offerings may be sent to Corbin Presbyterian Church, 601 Master St., Corbin, KY 40701.*

Prayer of Dedication

Response

*We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord from thee.*

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Following the Word into the World

Charge & Blessing

Postlude

Rejoice! Rejoice Believers

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