

(November 20, 2022 - Sunday Service)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(We are beginning the service at this time. Out of respect for others, please silence your phones, halt your conversations, and quietly prepare your hearts for worship and praise.)

*A silent prayer for your preparation to worship (Jeremiah 23):
(Your season comes, Lord. Come once again, and feed your flock like a shepherd. Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth. Turn our hearts to the least of your children, for if we lose them, we become lost. Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt. At this Advent, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household. Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.)*

PRELUDE

*THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*PRAISE SONG “Mighty to Save” -Hillsong

*Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me*

*Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior,
The Hope of nations*

*Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save*

*Forever, author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again*

*I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
And now I surrender*

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*Shine Your light and
Let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory
Of the risen King, Jesus*

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Colossians 1)

Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God: the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together. This is our God! Let's worship together.)

***HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (v1-2, 4) #720

*God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
Fear and doubts too long have bound us
free our hearts to work and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Set our feet on lofty places
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not man nor thee
That we fail not man nor thee*

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Jeremiah 23:1-6 "The Lord and His sheep"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Colossians 1:11-20 "The Centrality of Christ" pg. 2043

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. Amen.*

***THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 23:33-43

THE SERMON "PROMISED FROM THE BEGINNING"

***PRAISE SONG** "Never Once" -Matt Redman

*Standing on this mountaintop
Looking just how far we've come
Knowing that for every step
You were with us*

*Kneeling on this battle ground
Seeing just how much You've done
Knowing every victory
Was Your power in us*

*Scars and struggles on the way
But with joy our hearts can say
Yes, our hearts can say*

*Never once
Did we ever walk alone
Never once
Did You leave us on our own*

*You are faithful,
God, You are faithful*

*Scars and struggles on the way
But with joy our hearts can say
Never once
Did we ever walk alone*

*Carried by Your constant grace
Held within Your perfect peace
Never once, no we never walk alone*

*Never once
Did we ever walk alone
Never once
Did You leave us on our own*

*You are faithful,
God, You are faithful*

*Every step
We are breathing in Your grace
Evermore
We'll be breathing out Your praise*

*You are faithful,
God, You are faithful*

PRAYERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

BENEDICTION *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* **#776**
(A new day is dawning! Despite what we see and hear in the world around us, the sunrise is coming. When it comes, it will break through the darkness of our world—darkness caused by violence and death and hunger and despair. And all those who now sit huddled in the shadows will be able to rise and walk with confidence in the light. So go from here with courage and hope, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.)

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.*

*Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise.*

POSTLUDE

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