



**Sunday December 6, 2020
8:30 a.m.**

**LIVE STREAM: Facebook
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*Welcome to the
Mount Nittany UM Church!*
We are overjoyed to worship with you! Today, we continue the Holy Season of Advent looking at Isaiah 40.1-11 and Mark 1.1-18, working backward from the impact of the beginning of Jesus's ministry to where it all started: In a manger in a cave in the middle of nowhere. What were the people waiting for, and how did the beginning of Jesus' ministry look to those who waited for so long?

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Greeting

Prelude

Advent Liturgy Isaiah 40:1-11 (CEB)

Opening Hymn

There's A Voice In the Wilderness Crying: Vs. 1,2,3
O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Vs.1,2,4

Scripture Mark 1:1-18 (CEB)

Hymn Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming
O Little Town of Bethlehem, Vs. 1,3

Message Child of Promise: Bethlehem
Pastor Chris

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn He Shall Reign Forevermore

Sending

Postlude

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HYMNS OF WORSHIP . . .

1/ **There's A Voice In the Wilderness Crying**, A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places, Where the Lord our God may go!

2/ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, Get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people The coming of their king.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, The works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations Shall pass like a dream away.

3/ But the word of our God endureth, The arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations, And He will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, And fold the lambs to His breast;
In pastures of peace He'll lead them, And give to the weary rest.

1/ **O come, O come, Emmanuel** and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

2/ O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

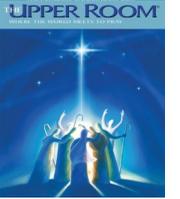
4/ O come, thou root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
Before thee rulers silent fall; all people on thy mercy call.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

1/ **Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming** from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when halfspent was the night.

2/ Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior
when halfspent was the night.

3/ O flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us
and share our every load.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ...for January-February can be found in the plastic box on the porch at the sanctuary entrance. Large print as well as regular print is available.

The Bishop has ordered that **ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP** be postponed through the end of the year, including Christmas Eve services. For Sunday services: We will hold one worship service at 8:30am and we will have one service at 7pm for Christmas Eve. **Services will be live-stream only.** While we mourn the loss to at least be able to gather in limited numbers, we are compelled to ensure that no one is put at risk while attending worship at or in the employ of Mount Nittany Church. God has indeed blessed us that we've maintained zero infections among staff and parishioners thus far. However, with the increasing numbers and subsequent risk, we will fully comply with the Bishop's request.



OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021—have NOT yet been delivered to the church. I'll post a notice in the bulletins upon arrival, but the company told me they are overly busy processing orders and to expect delay. Since we no longer use bulk mailing you will need to stop by or call the church office to make arrangements for curbside pick-up of your boxed set. */// Karin*

CHURCH MAILBOXES - If you are someone who currently has a mailslot in the copier room at the church, you need to stop by and check it. Several of you have mail that has accumulated over the past few months. Please call me at the office (237-3549) and make arrangements to come by and check to see if you have anything important to which you should be making replies.

Should you wish to make a purchase this year of a **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** please call the office and give the information to Karin. Payment of \$9 can be mailed to the church by sending it in one of your regular offering envelopes. The poinsettias will be used to help decorate the church for the Christmas season, and you may come take your poinsettia home with you at anytime. Just call the church office to gain entry to the building.



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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever Amen



Prayer Requests

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please join in praying for these friends and family. If you want to send a card, please call the church office for a mailing address or E-mail me at mnumcoffice@gmail.com

*Pat Weaver; Jon Hickey; Ed Hoch; **Ralph McChensney**; Ed Benner;
Chris Boliek & Family; Will Jackson; Lance Lionetti; Phil Ferinde;
Rick Edmiston; Joshua Lawrence; Linda Wang family; Katharina Rosenberg*

(**Bold Print** names are new to the list. Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and then are removed unless the office is notified to keep their names on the list for an additional 4 weeks.

Prayer of the Week: Pray that this Advent season brings peace, healing and light to the world.

MISSIONS FOCUS TODAY: INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES reaches out to support residents in 4 principal ways: the Center County Fuel Bank which helps people avoid hearing emergencies, the Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling Program which provides furniture and appliances at no cost to the recipients, Basic Needs Financial Assistance which provides emergency funds for things like rent and medical expenses, and the Financial Care Program that helps families manage their bills and budgets.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK : Birthday Blessings :)
Dec. 6 to 13 *Guyla Alwine; Donna DeHoff; Francie Brown;
Ben Jones; Patricia Kidder; Joyce Fellows; Dylan Jones*



1/ **O Little Town of Bethlehem** how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

3/How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

He Shall Reign Forevermore

1/ In the bleak mid-winter All creation groans,
For a world in darkness Frozen like a stone Light is breaking,
in a stable for a throne
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

2/ If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part,
but poor as I am I will give to Him my heart
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
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Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

3/ Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice Christ, the Messiah!
Into our hopes, into our fears The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years Christ, the Messiah!

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore (sing 4x's)

Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore