

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paul

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Respond to each shared prayer request with "Peace, Shalom, Salaam."

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Ellen

OFFERTORY

Lost in the Night, Lee/Haugen

Pam Gregory

DOXOLOGY (tune: *Veni Emmanuel*)

**Praise God from whom all bless – ings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here __ below;
Praise God for all that love __ has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spi – rit, One.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emman – uel!
Shall come to you, O Is – rael.**

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ellen

God of Advent, bless us with surprises during this season. As we share the same old stories breathe new life into our lives. Make us seekers of truth like the Magi. Inspire us to open our hearts in adoration like the shepherds. Grant us the love that inspired Mary, to dare say yes to angels. Amen

****HYMN NCH 116, vs 1,6,7

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

All

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here;
Love stir within the womb of night, and death's own shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of Nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heavens peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:42-44

Ellen

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

MESSAGE "What Do We Really Need for Christmas?" Paul

****HYMN Song Folder 26 *Christ, Be Our Light, vs 5* All

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

****BENEDICTION Paul

****SUNG BENEDICTION *World Peace Prayer* All

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe!

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

RECESSIONAL *Christ, Be Our Light*, arr Marianne Kim Martha

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