



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

12/10/2023

Second Sunday of Advent

The Sunday in Advent on Which We Commemorate Peace

Christian Education Sunday

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION — “Peace is not something you must hope for in the future. Rather, it is a deepening of the present, and unless you look for it in the present you will never find it.” — Thomas Merton

“Peace for humanity is not only the absence of war, or the end of violence.... For us Christians, peace is based on a fundamental new relationship between humankind and God. That is why Christ brought peace, ‘not as the world gives’ but as a different peace.”
— Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship — The Lighting of the Advent Candle

A Cantic to the tune of HESPERUS

O God of life, grant us Your peace,
Help Love throughout Your world increase.
Help us to learn new ways to share,
To know Your peace, be in Your care.

ONE: Today, along with the prophets and people through the ages, we dream of a world of peace and justice. We share the dream of making crooked paths straight, of making a highways smooth and broad enough for all God’s people to move on together in peace and harmony.

ALL: **Our actions can help build that highway, that it can be a reality and can be our call. Last week we lit the first Advent candle, reminding us hope is real. The second candle reminds us the dream of God for peace can be experienced when justice abounds. Let us be reminded that the presence of God, the peace of God, can become real and burn brightly in our world.**

Prayer of Invocation

* HYMN — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* INSERT

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)

Old One-hundredth

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Prayers of the People —

SILENCE

Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC —

A DIFFERENT KIND OF SERMON — *An Instant Christmas Pageant*

HYMNS AND SIGNS IN THE COURSE OF THE PAGEANT

SIGN # 1 - MEN - "O Holy Night."

SIGN # 2 - CHOIR - YELL, DONKEY

HYMN— *Once in David's Royal City* INSERT

SIGN # 3 - WOMEN - "Ahhh."

SIGN # 4 - CE & CHILDREN - "Love."

HYMN— *Away in a Manger* INSERT

SIGN # 5 - LEFT - SHAKE STAFFS

SIGN # 6 - RIGHT - WINGS - "Peace."

SIGN # 7 - LEFT - SHAKE STAFFS

SIGN # 8 - CHOIR - YELL, DONKEY

SIGN # 9 - RIGHT - WINGS - "Peace."

HYMN— *Angel's from the Realms of Glory* INSERT

SIGN # 10 - LEFT - SHAKE STAFFS

SIGN # 11 - WOMEN - "Ahhh."

SIGN # 12 - MEN - "O Holy Night."

SIGN # 13 - CE & CHILDREN - "Love."

HYMN— *Go Tell It on the Mountain* INSERT

PAGEANT CLOSING PRAYER

* **HYMN** — *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* INSERT, v. 1, 2

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE —
Who Would Think That What Was Needed INSERT, v. 3

Postlude

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM
Harpwell Community Television – Channel 14
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Ushers	Bruce & Pat Myer
Advent Liturgy Readers	Sally Moulton & Susan Whitman
Coffee Hour	Becky Marcos

Pastor's Office Hours

Office hours for the week of December 11th
Monday, December 11th from 9:00 - 11:00.

The Bible Study passage for Monday December 11th at 11:00 a.m. is:
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

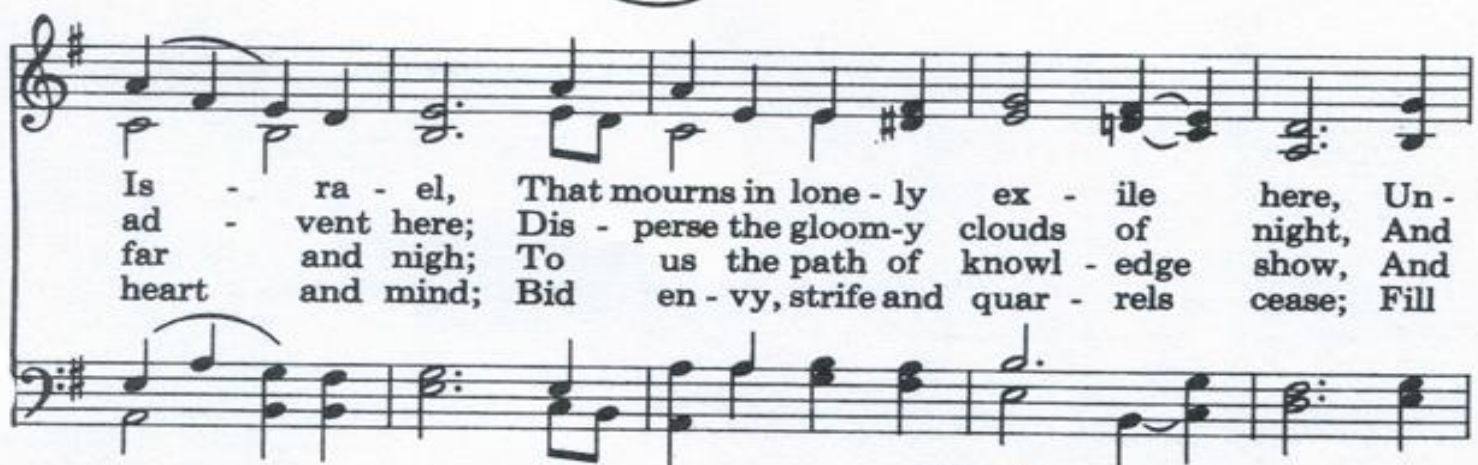
Latin: c.9th century
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, Sts. 1, 2, alt.
Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954, Sts. 3, 4

VENI EMMANUEL 8.8.8.8.8.8.
Adapted from Plainsong
Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

In unison

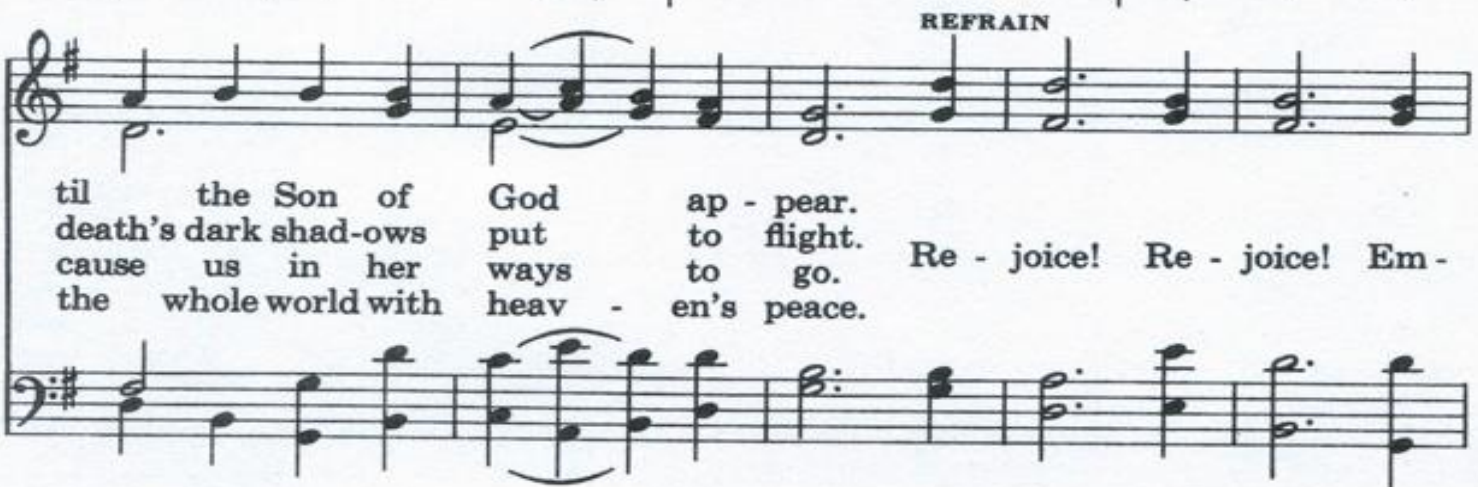


1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

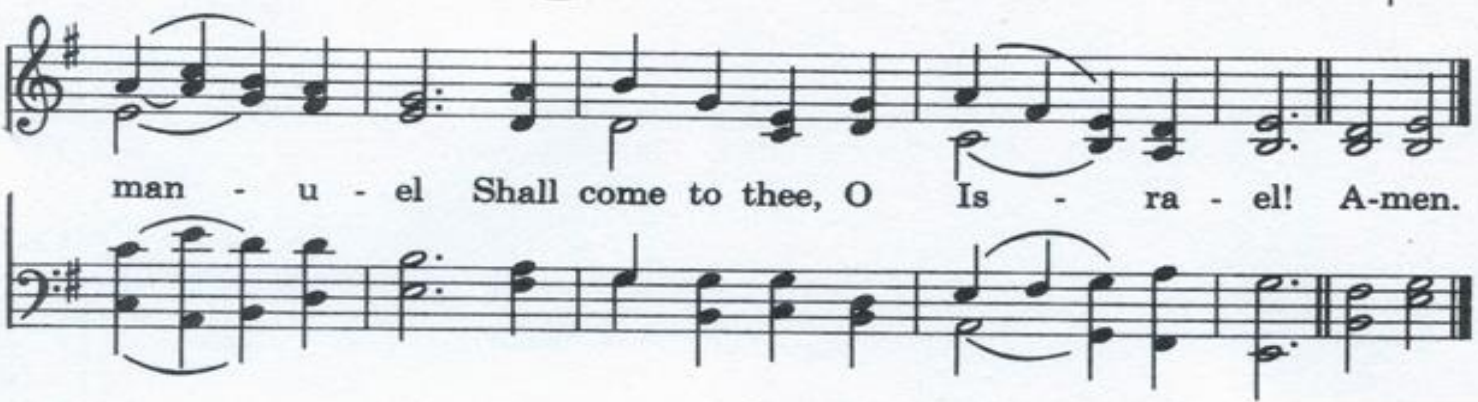


Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill

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til the Son of God ap - pear.
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
cause us in her ways to go.
the whole world with heav - en's peace.



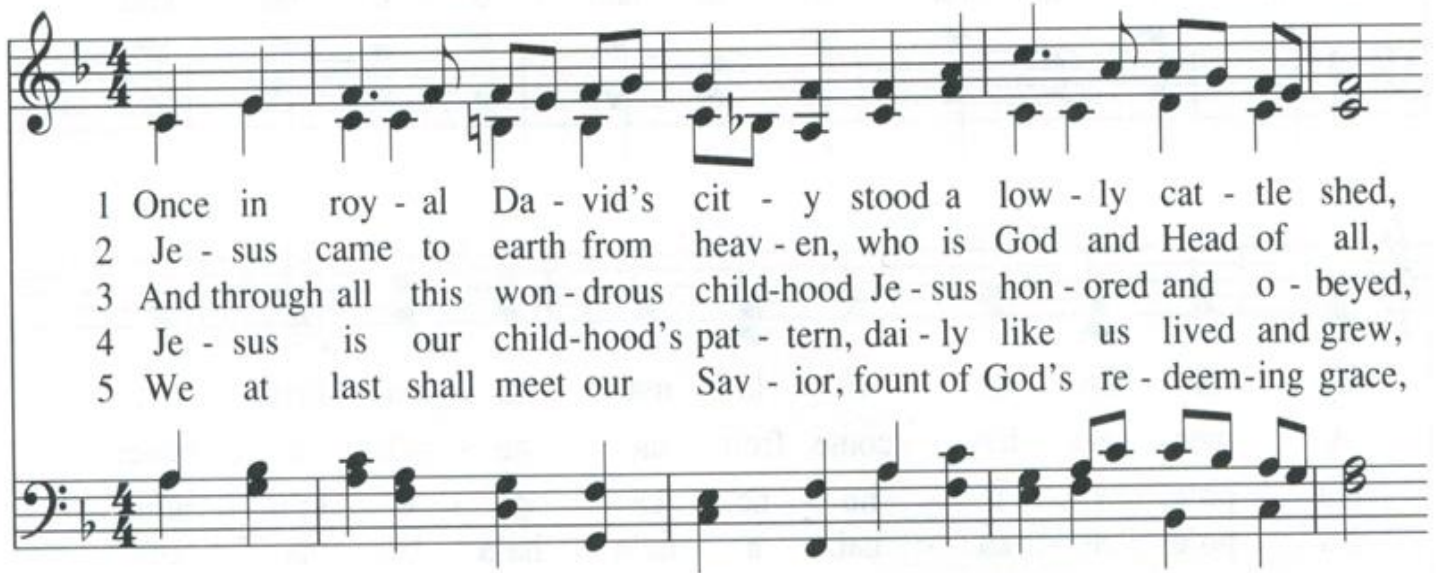
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

Once in Royal David's City

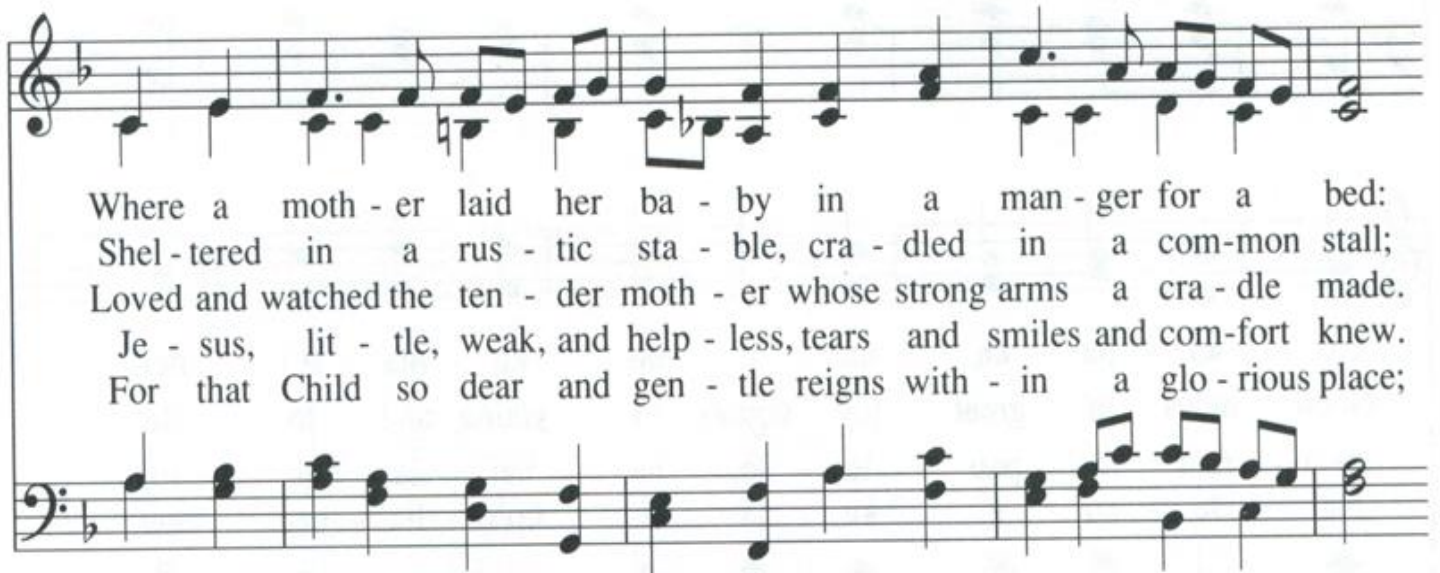
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

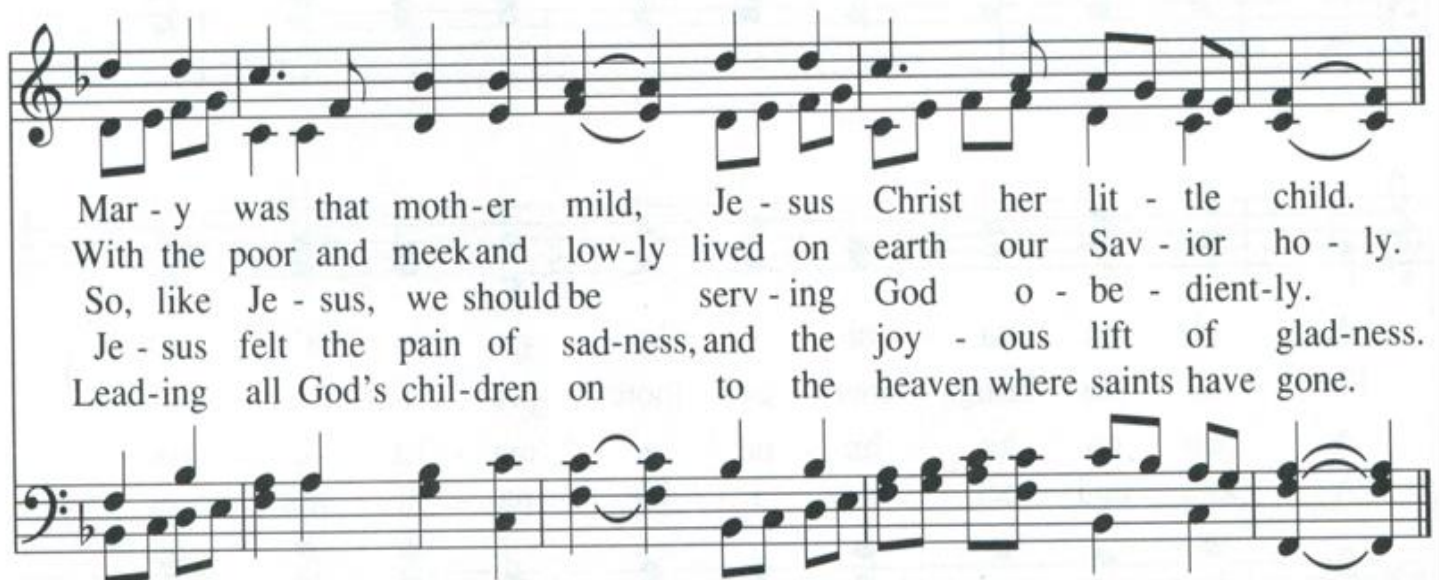
Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 Je - sus came to earth from heav - en, who is God and Head of all,
3 And through all this won - drous child-hood Je - sus hon - ored and o - beyed,
4 Je - sus is our child-hood's pat - tern, dai - ly like us lived and grew,
5 We at last shall meet our Sav - ior, fount of God's re - deem - ing grace,



Where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for a bed:
Shel - tered in a rus - tic sta - ble, cra - dled in a com - mon stall;
Loved and watched the ten - der moth - er whose strong arms a cra - dle made.
Je - sus, lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles and com - fort knew.
For that Child so dear and gen - tle reigns with - in a glo - rious place;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
With the poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
So, like Je - sus, we should be serv - ing God o - be - dient - ly.
Je - sus felt the pain of sad - ness, and the joy - ous lift of glad - ness.
Lead - ing all God's chil - dren on to the heaven where saints have gone.

Away in a Manger

Anon., United States, 1885; st. 3, 1892; alt.

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the love you, Lord Je - sus; pro - tect me, I pray, and all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care, and

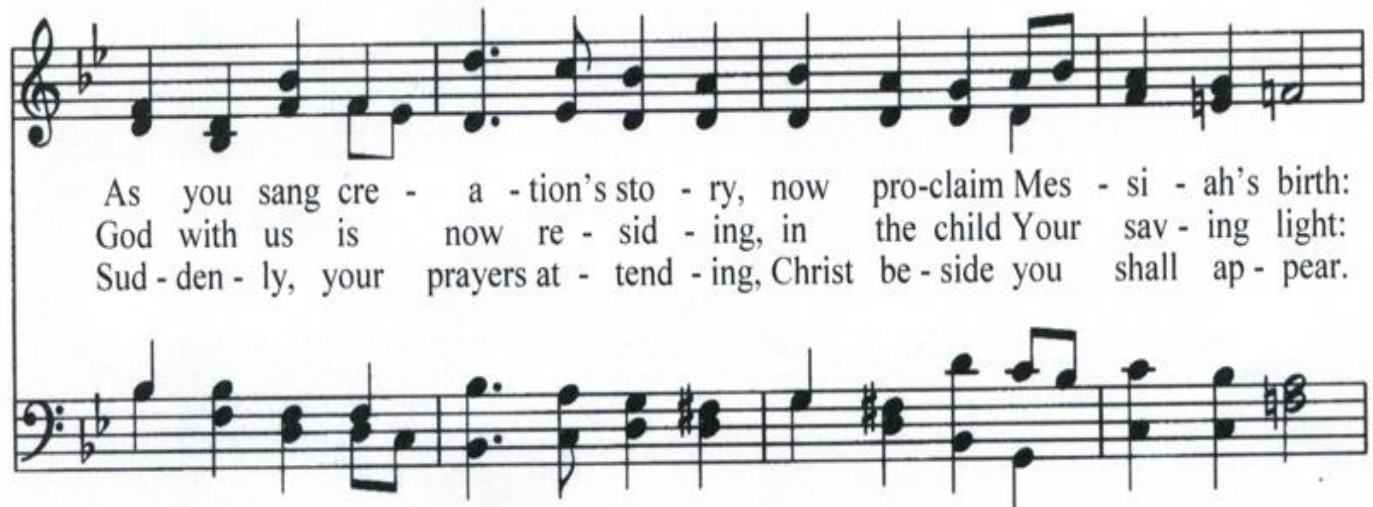
Musical notation for the third system, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay. stay by my side un - til night turns to day. fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

Musical notation for the fourth system, concluding the piece. The lyrics are: lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay. stay by my side un - til night turns to day. fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

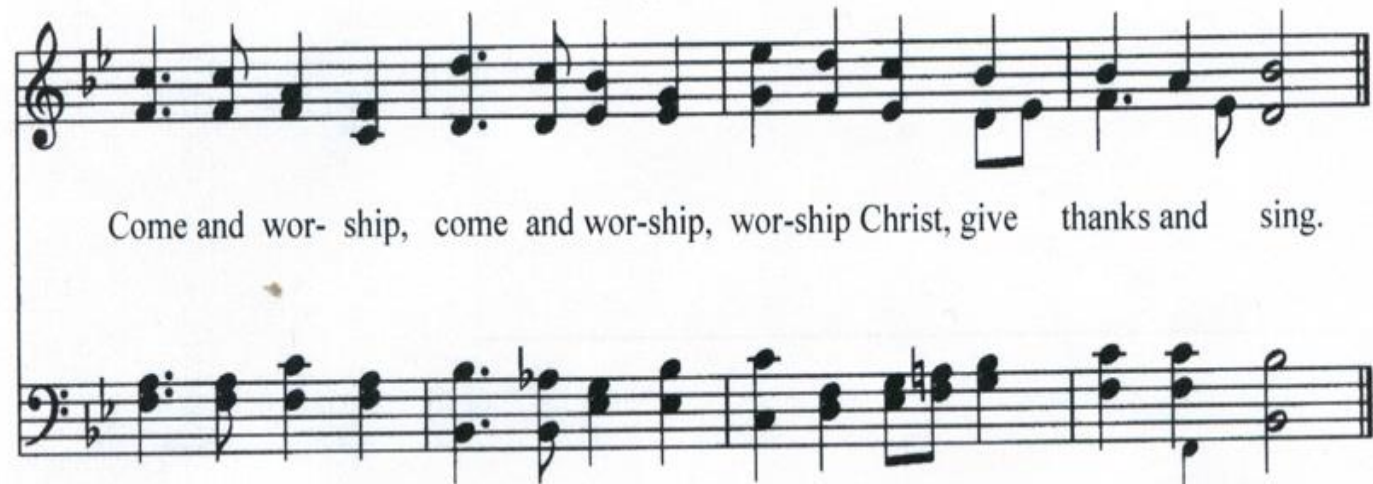
Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Saints, be-fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,



As you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, in the child Your sav - ing light:
Sud - den - ly, your prayers at - tend - ing, Christ be - side you shall ap - pear.



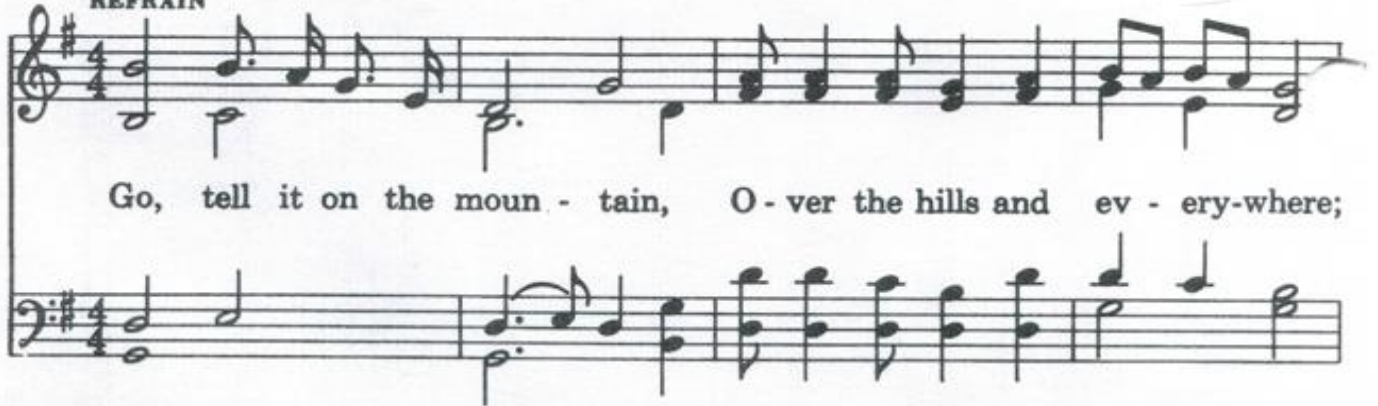
Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, give thanks and sing.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.


Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN *Irregular*

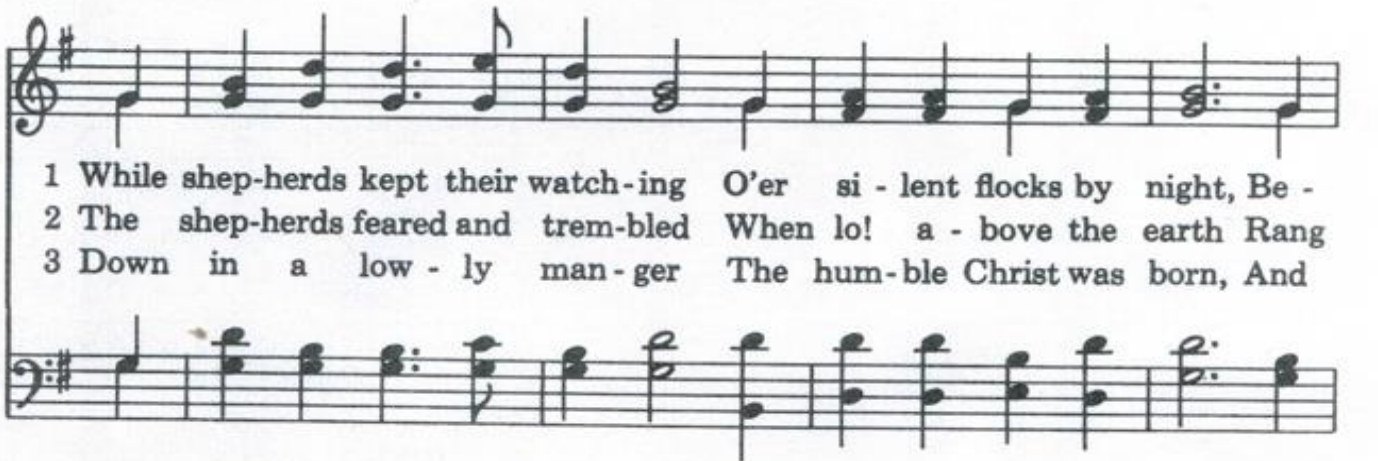
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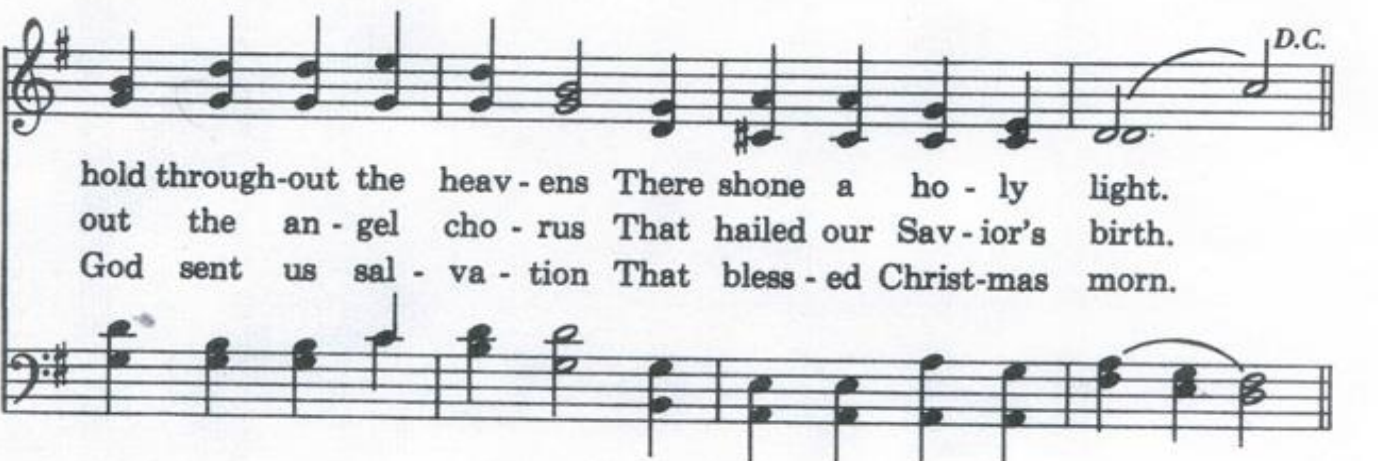
Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - ery-where;



Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth Rang
3 Down in a low - ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born, And

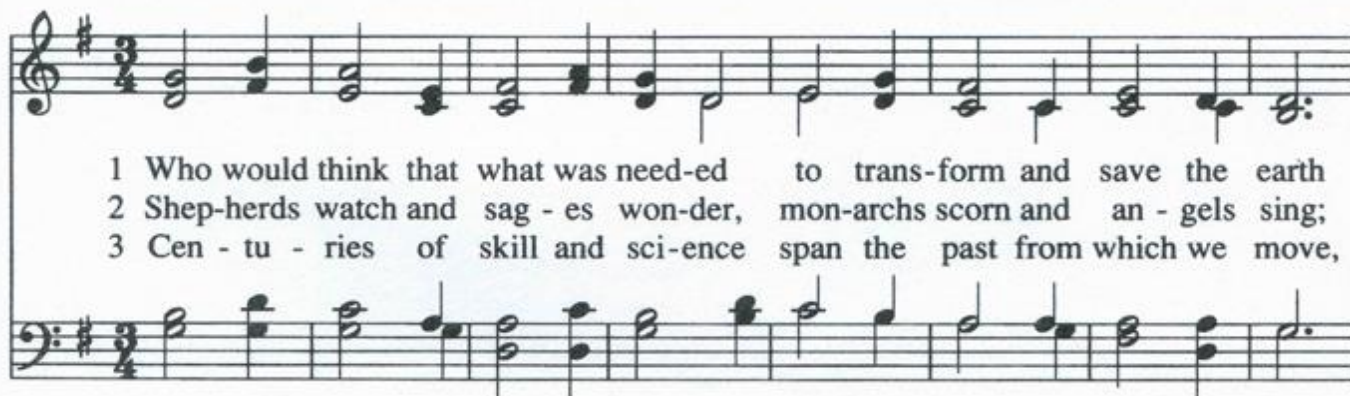


hold through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

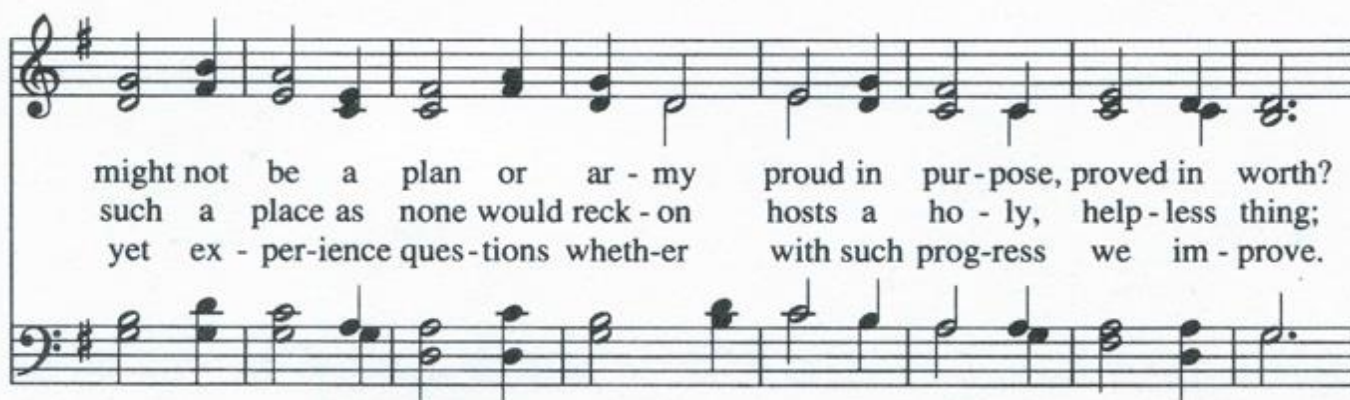
Who Would Think That What Was Needed

Isa. 11:1-6; Matt. 2:1-11; Luke 2:8-14

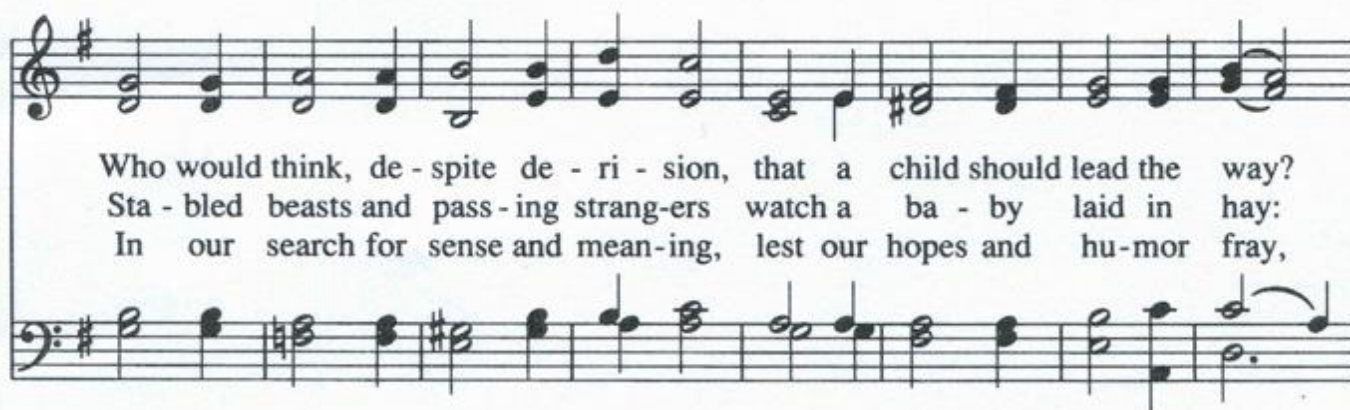
John Bell and Graham Maule, 1990; alt.



1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-form and save the earth
2 Shep-herds watch and sag-es won-der, mon-archs scorn and an-gels sing;
3 Cen-tu-ries of skill and sci-ence span the past from which we move,



might not be a plan or ar-my proud in pur-pose, proved in worth?
such a place as none would reck-on hosts a ho-ly, help-less thing;
yet ex-per-i-ence ques-tions wheth-er with such prog-ress we im-prove.



Who would think, de-spite de-ri-sion, that a child should lead the way?
Sta-ble-d beasts and pass-ing stran-gers watch a ba-by laid in hay:
In our search for sense and mean-ing, lest our hopes and hu-mor fray,



God sur-pris-es earth with heav-en, com-ing here on Christ-mas Day.
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Prayer Requests for December 10, 2023

At home...

Bill Menz

Mark Wilson

Connie Henry

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright

David Ferris

In assisted living...

Gary Anderson

Ernestine Machesney

Tom Jones

Joan Phillips

Away...

Richard Haley

C V Noyes

George Patterson

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Dana Porter Carson

George Perkins

Grieving...

Family of Ellie Patterson

Thanksgivings...

The Pastoral Search Committee

Special concerns...

The School House 1913 fire victims Joseph Arena & Caroline Daniel

For the people in the paths of storms and fires

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle.

Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

Thank You



The flowers today are given by Anne Mosley, in loving memory of Greg Rancourt.

Board of Finance

We're making progress!



Dear friends, The Board of Finance is happy to report that we are more than halfway to our 2024 pledge goal. As of yesterday, we have received \$90,933 in pledges for 2024, a wonderful testament to the collective commitment of our members and friends to the work of the Elijah Kellogg Church. But we are still short of our goal of \$150,000. So please, if you haven't had a chance to fill out your pledge card yet, take the time to do so now. It will help the board immeasurably to have a strong sense of where we are financially as we enter the New Year. Fingers crossed, we will be in a position to welcome a new settled minister next year and we hope to make him or her comfortable with a fair compensation package. Your generosity will help make that a reality.

If you have questions about our budget process, or you have questions about the pledge process, please ask any member of the Board of Finance (quick review: Carol Coultas, Amber Skinner, Carmen Fortin, Win Gillis, Rob Porter, Rick Daniel, Sue Gagne and Nancy Simboli.) We are happy to help.

Mold Clean-up Update

Mold Bros. have completed their portion of the mold work in the basement. **But please keep in mind, the basement is off limits for the time being, until further notice.**

Thank you,
Dave Fitzgerald

A report from your Board of Missions

On Monday, December 4th, Carrie Bubier reported:

“My car was jam packed full from front to back with Angel Tree gifts and they were delivered this morning to the Salvation Army. They were extremely surprised and thankful for all our church has done. I also handed them the check for \$400 and thought she was going to cry! We certainly mad their day. Many thanks to all.”

NOTE: We took 45 Angels this year and supplied gifts for 39. It is the first time we’ve had additional funds at the end of the year, and it seemed appropriate to make this seasonal contribution. This gives them the ability to fill the other outstanding requests that have been missed.

Again, thank you all for your caring.

The Food Bank

We delivered 54 pounds of food stuffs to the food bank center. These were mostly requested items to fill their larder for the month of November. Cereals are not as heavy as canned goods, so it was a good monthly contribution.

Items requested for the month of December are:

- *PEANUT BUTTER
- *SOUPS
- *CANNED OR BOXED FRUITS
- *UNSCENTED BARS OF SOAP (LIKE IVORY OR DOVE)

**Thank you,
Your Board of Missions**

Santa Fund Drop-Off Location

Our church is now a drop-off location for gifts to be donated to the Harpswell Santa Fund. Gifts for all ages are needed. You will find the donation box in the hall near the church office.

If you know of anyone needing to speak to Santa, you will find him this Sunday at Merriconeag Grange from 10am-1pm.



Wanted ** Advertising Team

After a couple of years of doing the advertising for church events, activities and suppers, I am ready to pass the baton to someone else or a team of people. This is a great opportunity for several folks to work together. I have completed the ad for our upcoming Christmas Services with the Anchor, and will be ready to work with folks to start off the New Year! Please contact me if you are interested, and I have good notes to pass along to our new person or team.

Thank you,
Carrie Bubier

Name Tags

If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please sign up for one. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board where the name tags are kept on the hallway bulletin board.

There are also spare magnets on the board, should you need one for your name tag.

Poinsettia Order 2023



Our Church will be decorated with a grand array of poinsettias for Christmas.

If you wish to donate a plant to decorate the church, please complete this form and either place it in the Flower Committee mailbox or give it to a Flower Committee member.

The cost of each poinsettia plant will be \$13.00. Checks should be made payable to: Elijah Kellogg Church, and should be received by noon, Wednesday, December 13th.

Please note, no orders will be accepted after this date.

You can pick up your poinsettia in the sanctuary after the Christmas services.
If you are not able to do so, please have someone pick it up for you.

I would like to have _____ plant(s) to beautify the sanctuary.

Poinsettia color choice: Red _____

White _____

Pink _____

Wreath Donation \$ _____

Please list in the bulletin as follows:

In Loving memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

As in the past, you may choose to contribute to the cost of the wreaths hanging on the church doors. Fill out the above and send along with your donation of \$10.00.

For information, please contact a Flower Committee member: Susan Anderson, Linda Clement, Elizabeth Dyer, Becky Gallery, or Judith Stanton

Thank you!

