



1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2024 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
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Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Peace

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore." Isaiah 9:6-7

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Jesus as our Prince of Peace.
Help us to turn to Him to help quiet our anxieties and calm our fears.
Let us be a reflection of His Peace when we're working with others so
we serve them with compassion and wisdom. Amen.

Song: ***Running Home***

Spent a long time running
Down a dead-end road
Lookin for that something
That could fill my soul
Never found what

I was searching for

Spent a long time running
From a messed up past
But you can't go forward
When you're lookin back
But I ain't looking back anymore

He called my name
(He called my name)
And He stole my shame
(He stole my shame)
Everything changed
When I came running home
(I'm running, I'm running home)

Out of the dark
(Out of the dark)
Into His arms
(Into His arms)
No more running away
I'm running home

I'm running, I'm running home
I'm running, I'm running home

No more running in circles
Trying to be good enough
I'm far from perfect
But I found perfect love
In the arms that won't let go

Got a heart on fire
Got a wind at my back
Singing hallelujah
I am free at last
Every day I'm running home

He called my name
(He called my name)
And He stole my shame
(He stole my shame)
Everything changed
When I came running home
(I'm running, I'm running home)

Out of the dark
(Out of the dark)

Into His arms
(Into His arms)
No more running away
I'm running home

I'm running, I'm running home
I'm running, I'm running home
I'm running, I'm running home

Gonna run this race
'Til my final step
Gonna sing this song
'til my final breath
And let the weight
Of this world go

Gonna be no tears
Gonna be no pain
And when I see that smile
On my Savior's face
I won't be walking
I'll be running home

He called my name
(He called my name)
And He stole my shame
(He stole my shame)
Everything changed
When I came running home
(I'm running, I'm running home)

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(Out of the dark)
Into His arms
(Into His arms)
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I'm running home

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(I'm running, I'm running home)
Everything changed
When I came running home

(I'm running, I'm running home)
(I'm running, I'm running home)
(I'm running, I'm running home)

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Song: ***Always***

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace
The God of creation, knows me by name
The Lord is faithful,
Yesterday, now, and always, always

Your mercy is mighty, age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always....always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save, Oh...

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace
The God of creation, knows me by name
The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always, always

Your mercy is might, age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always....always

You were, You are, You always will be God
You were, You are, You always will be God
Yes, You always will be God....

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The Lord is faithful
Yesterday, now, and always

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Scripture Genesis 12:1-3

"The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'"

Galatians 3:7-9

"Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.' So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

John 8:48-58

"The Jews answered him, 'Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?' 'I am not possessed by a demon,' said Jesus, 'but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself' but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.' At this they exclaimed, 'Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?' Jesus replied, 'If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.' 'You are not yet fifty years old,' they said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!' 'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!'"

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Song: ***If I Stand***

There's more that rises
In the morning than the sun
More that shines in the night
Than just the moon

There's more than just this fire
Here that keeps me warm
In a shelter that is
Larger than this room

And there's a loyalty that's
Deeper than mere sentiments
And the music higher than
The songs that I can sing

He stuff of earth
Competes for the allegiance
I owe only to the giver
Of all good things

So if I stand, let me stand
On the promise that you
Will pull me through

And if I can't let me fall
On the grace that
First brought me to you

If I sing let me sing for
The joy that has born
In me these songs

And if I weep let it
Be as a man
Who is longing for his home

There's more that dances
On the prairies than the wind
More than pulses
In the ocean than the tide

There's a love that is fiercer
Than the love between friends
More gentle than a mother's
When her baby's at her side

And there's a loyalty that's
Deeper than mere sentiments
And the music higher than
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Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is "...gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.

A: Amen.

L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church's ancient song:

A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 and ever. Amen.

How Deep The Father's Love

ALL: How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory

forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: ***Forgiven***

Well the past is
Playing with my head
And failure knocks
Me down again

I'm reminded
Of the wrong
That I have said and done
And that devil just won't
Let me forget

In this life
I know what I've been
But here in Your arms
I know what I am

I'm forgiven
I'm forgiven
And I don't have to carry
The weight of who I've been
'Cause I'm forgiven

My mistakes are running
Through my mind
And I'll relive my days
In the middle of the night

And I struggle with my pain
Wrestle with my pride
Sometimes I feel alone
And I cry

When I don't fit in
And I don't feel like
I belong anywhere

When I don't measure up
To much in this life
I'm a treasure in the Arms of Christ

I'm forgiven
I'm forgiven
And I don't have to carry
The weight of who I've been
'Cause I'm forgiven

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““So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” Galatians 3:9

Sermon Notes

The Promise of Peace

⇒ What is peace?

⇒ What is keeping peace from flourishing in your life?

⇒ How are you bringing peace?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey

