

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still/ arr. R. Loucks

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor/ arr. C. Wienand
Aviendha Fogie, harp

WORDS OF GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Shepherd's Candle Ray & Shirley Weigands

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from Psalm 103 (NIV)

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

Leader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be
happy and joyful. His name is the LORD. A father to the fatherless, a
defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely
in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.

from Psalm 68: 3-6 (NIV)

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Impossible...It's Possible!/R. Vos

I am the vine; you are the branches... apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Celtic Advent Carol/ D. Angerman & M. Barrett

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 1-7 (NIV)

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in
distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles,
by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those
living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice
before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when
dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke

that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

SERMON

He Will Be Called: Everlasting Father

Advent series

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **230** *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR MUSIC ROOM

(4 years through 5th grade)

****Parents pick up your child at 11:00 am in the Music Room, then proceed upstairs for the dessert reception.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Fugue on "He is Born, the Infant King"*/ R. Hudson