

FIRSTCHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike • Oak Ridge, TN 37830 • fumcor.org • 865-483-4357 phone • 865-483-4391 fax

December 12th, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent

Welcome! We pray that worship at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. Since we remain under pandemic protocols, our time together will differ from our services in the past, but we celebrate that God's gift of grace is enough to sustain us in all circumstances. If the last year has taught us anything, it is that being together to worship God is an enormous blessing.

MUSIC DURING THE GATHERING

Carol of the Bells

arr. by: Thomas Graf

Mozart Divertimento No. 4

arr. by: Theodore Finney

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Mozart Divertimento No. 1

arr. by: Frederick Thurston

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah!

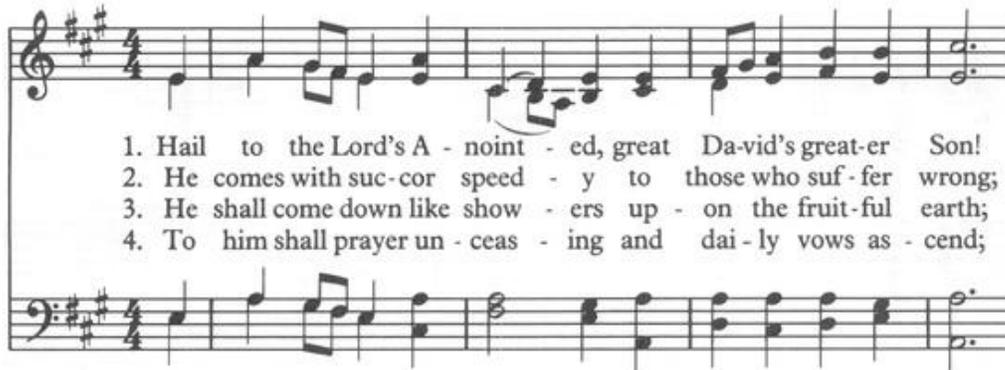
†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

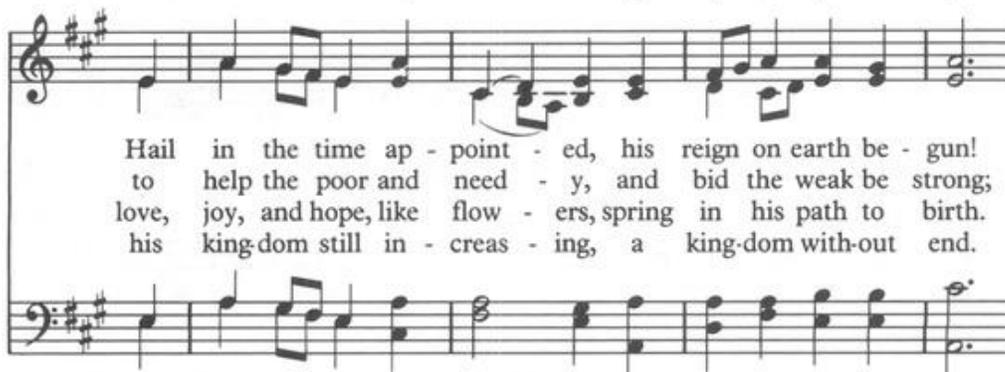
ELLACOMBE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

203



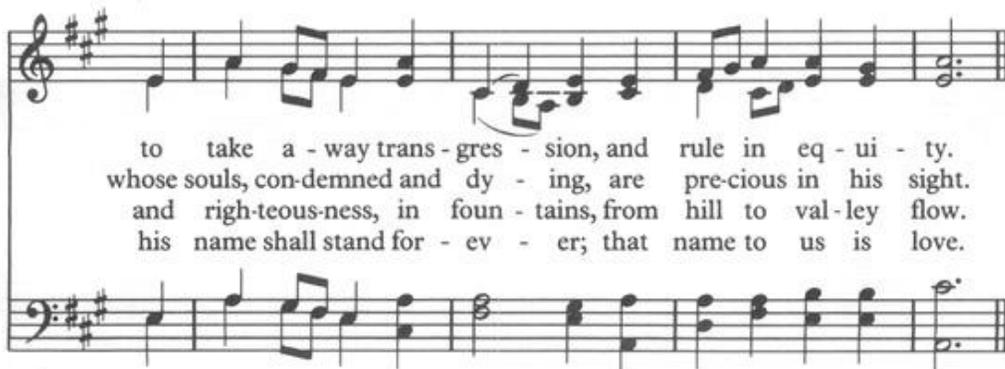
1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1821 (Ps. 72)
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt;
 adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

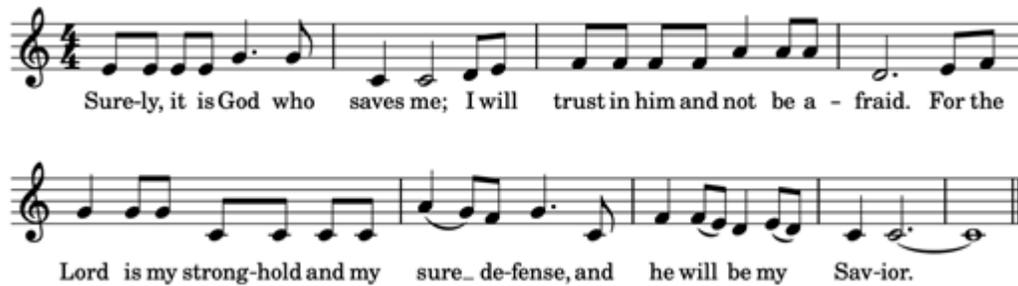
ELLACOMBE
 76.76 D

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The First Song of Isaiah

ISAIAH 2:2-6

No. 2030 (TFWS)



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure_ de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

In your presence, Holy God,
we confess that we need to repent.
We have broken your commands against idolatry.
We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.
We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,
for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news
and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

Silence for personal confession.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

arr. by: Charles Kirby

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like a river, I've got love like a river, I've got love like a river in my soul. I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river in my soul. I've got peace, love, and joy in-a my soul.

SERMON

Finding Peace in An Anxious World

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

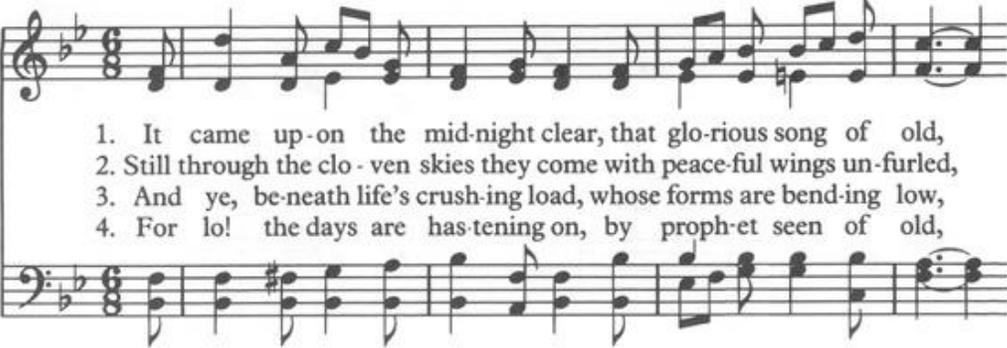
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 218

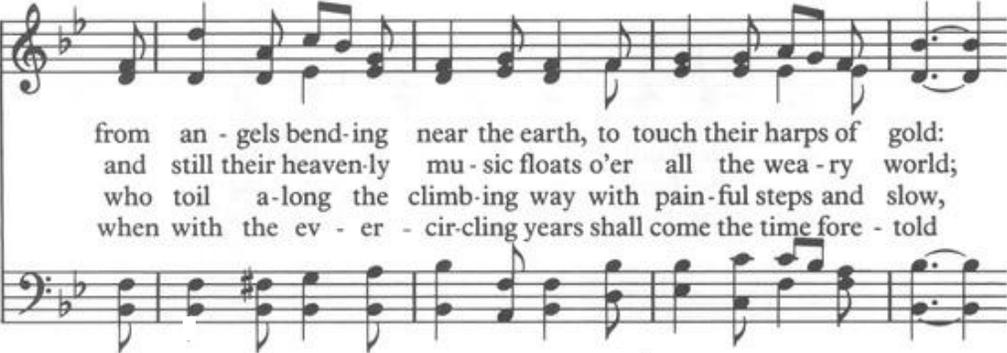
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

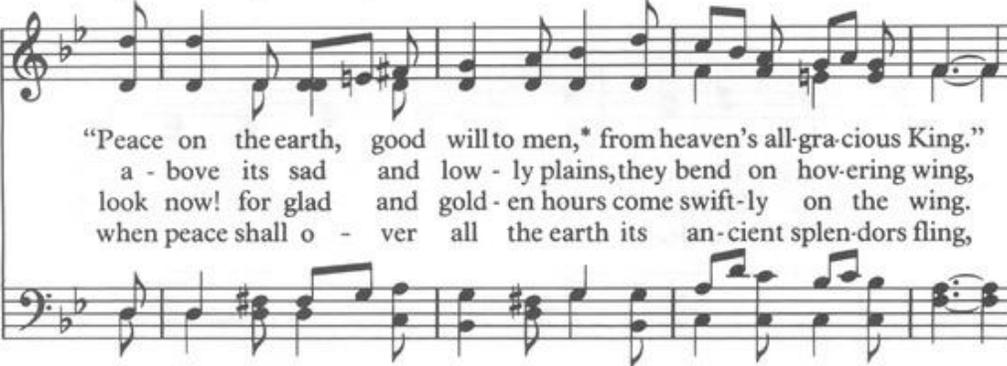
218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



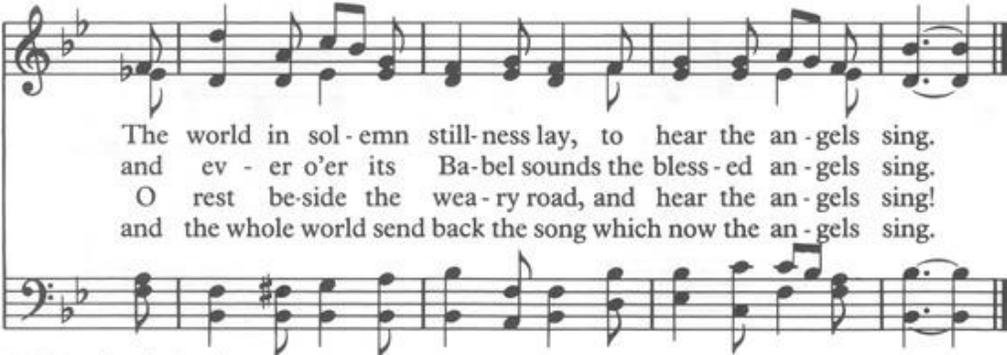
1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4. For lo! the days are has-tening on, by proph-et seen of old,



from an - gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav-en-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-ling years shall come the time fore - told



"Peace on the earth, good will to men,* from heaven's all-gracious King."
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hover-ing wing,
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift-ly on the wing.
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing!
 and the whole world send back the song which now the an - gels sing.

*"all" may be substituted

WORDS: Edmund H. Sears, 1849 (Lk. 2:8-14)
 MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

CAROL
 CMD

†BENEDICTION

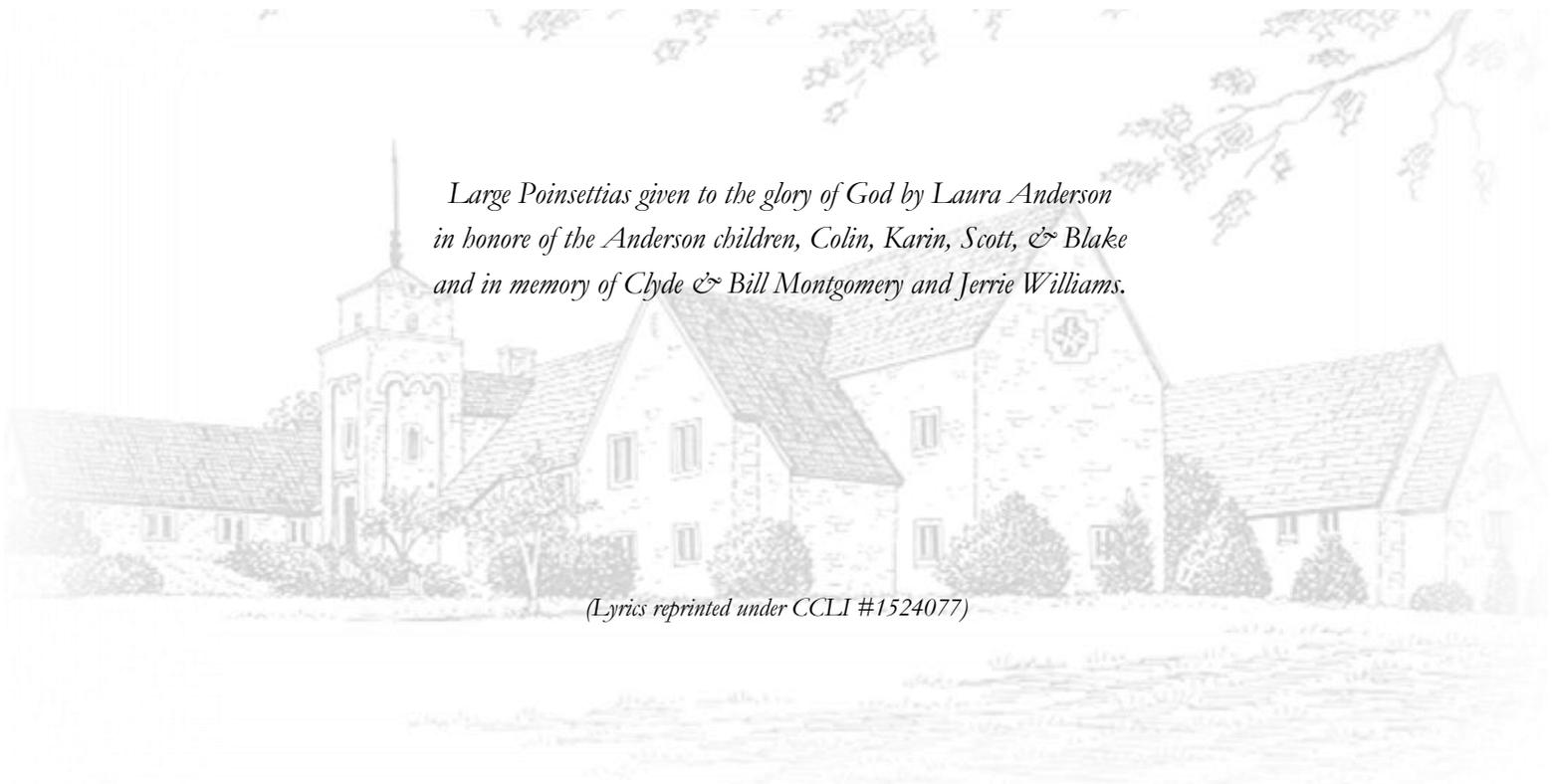
CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tocatta on 'Veni Emmanuel'

by: Andrew Carter

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Preacher:** Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*
- Liturgists:** Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*
Ben & Mallory Vaigneur, *Advent Candle Lighters*
- Music:** Rev. Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, *Pastor of Music & Worship*
Josh Sumter, *Music Associate & Organist*
Members of the Parish Adult Choir
- Clarinet Trio:** Kristi Younkin, John Snyder, & Kerry Morrison



*Large Poinsettias given to the glory of God by Laura Anderson
in honor of the Anderson children, Colin, Karin, Scott, & Blake
and in memory of Clyde & Bill Montgomery and Jerrie Williams.*

(Lyrics reprinted under CCLI #1524077)