

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

PRELUDE

*Duet*  
Celia Daggy, viola; David Kidd, trombone

Beethoven (1770-1827)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious God, help us remember that lasting peace is found only in you.

People: **Come Lord Jesus!**

OPENING HYMN

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Genevan 42

“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load.  
To My people now proclaim that My pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.”

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
Calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.  
O, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise in meeting, and the hills bow down in greeting.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you judge Your People with righteousness; we judge our neighbors with our own prejudice and insecurity. Your Son defended the cause of the poor, but our greed leaves many wanting. He came to bring redemption and deliverance, but we stand in the way of its being received. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Remind us of Your eternal rule, that we might bow down before You and serve You with joy and gratitude. Amen**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

*By water and the Spirit.*

Rev. Patrick Pettit

ANTHEM

*Sonata no. 30 in E, Op. 109: III*  
Charles Simpkins, piano

Beethoven

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

*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 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.**

*Communion of the People*

*Prayer after Communion*

CLOSING HYMN

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

*Bereden väg för Herran*

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,  
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.  
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

