

# WORSHIP

December 13, 2020 **Third Sunday of Advent—Joy** Church in the Courtyard

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**All: Let the sea resound and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy

Natalie and James Barr

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

\*Hymn Of Praise

*Here I Am to Worship/O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Malia Yim

1. Light of the world, You stepped down into  
darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

### Refrain:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days you're so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

### Refrain

3. O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

### Confession of Sin Unison

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to needs of the poor and downtrodden, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice as we should. Nor have we cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. We have been silent when we could have spoken and have lacked boldness in our witness. Lord, forgive us for our offenses. And grant that by the power of your Spirit we might live in light of your coming again. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Take a moment to confess your sins to God, knowing that he hears you.*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-6

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Go to our website or follow this [link to give online](#). You can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors. Remember our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting all of our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community and around the world.

### Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Lauri Haugen

### Music of Reflection

#### \*Doxology

**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.**

### Prayers for the Church & the World

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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| <p>1. O little town of Bethlehem,<br/>How still we see thee lie!<br/>Above thy deep and dreamless sleep<br/>The silent stars go by;<br/>Yet in thy dark streets shineth<br/>The everlasting Light.<br/>The hopes and fears of all the years<br/>Are met in thee tonight.</p> <p>2. For Christ is born of Mary<br/>And, gathered all above<br/>While mortals sleep, the angels keep<br/>Their watch of wond'ring love.<br/>O morning stars, together<br/>Proclaim the holy birth,<br/>And praises sing to God the King,<br/>And peace to all on earth!</p> | <p>3. How silently, how silently<br/>The wondrous gift is giv'n!<br/>So God imparts to human hearts<br/>The blessings of His heav'n.<br/>No ear may hear His coming,<br/>But in this world of sin,<br/>Where meek souls will receive Him still<br/>The dear Christ enters in.</p> <p>4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!<br/>Descend to us, we pray;<br/>Cast out our sin, and enter in;<br/>Be born in us today.<br/>We hear the Christmas angels<br/>The great glad tidings tell;<br/>O come to us, abide with us,<br/>Our Lord, Emmanuel.</p> |
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## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn of Response***Angels We Have Heard on High*

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| <p>1. Angels we have heard on high,<br/>Sweetly singing o'er the plains,<br/>And the mountains in reply<br/>Echo back their joyous strains.</p> | <p>3. Come to Bethlehem, and see<br/>Him whose birth the angels sing;<br/>Come, adore on bended knee<br/>Christ the Lord, the newborn King.</p> |
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**Refrain:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song.

**Refrain****Refrain**

4. See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our savior's birth.

**Refrain****\*Benediction****Dismissal by rows****Postlude****Caring**

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Direct Prayer Requests to [elmoprayers@gmail.com](mailto:elmoprayers@gmail.com).

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith.

ECO Church and the community of Haines Alaska, pray for recovery from a mudslide.

Jan Tornquist, prayer for cancer treatment and healing from an infection.

Curtis Whiteman for recovery from stomach surgery.

Emily Sommermann, for healing of a broken wrist from a biking accident.

Monica Eiler, for recovery and pain relief from a back injury.

Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.

Marilyn Nichols, for strength and the ability to function safely at home on her own.

Lynette Johnson, for her continued cancer treatment plan.

Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver.

George Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, for perseverance, strength and healing from cancer.

Gordon Reising, for peace for him Darlene and the family while he is on hospice care at home.

Ken Working, for health challenges for him and for the family.

## Connecting & Serving

**Sermon Series: Mountain Peaks of Promise: A Journey Through the Old Testament.** This Advent season we're taking the 30,000-foot view of Scripture as we explore six of the Mountain Peaks of Promise in the Old Testament as they point us to the fulfillment of God's promises through Jesus Christ. Join us as we journey through God's unfolding promise plan of salvation to see the big picture of who God is and what he has done. Preaching Schedule at: <http://elmopres.org/sermons/>

**Advent Devotional:** To help your children build Christmas traditions around Jesus, we have a gift for you to take home. Pick one up from the table as you enter the Courtyard. [Prepare Him Room](#), by Marty Mackowski.

### 2020 Advent & Christmas Offering:

This year, the Advent & Christmas offering is directed to the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission and the Transition House. Your gifts will enrich the lives of people through these ministries in our community that provide housing and hope. Offering Envelopes can be found at the entry to the Courtyard or you can designate it on your check.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services in the Courtyard:** Thursday, Dec. 24th, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 pm

Candlelight Lessons and Carols in the Courtyard will be held at three different times for your convenience and Livestreamed as well. RSVPs to attend now through our website at: [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org)

**Men's Bible Study:** Thursdays, 9:00 am in the Courtyard—on hold due to stay at home order.

### 2021 Virtual ECO National Gathering: January 29-31, 2021

One of the silver linings of our current circumstance is that we all have the opportunity to attend the ECO National Gathering from the comfort of your home. Join this weekend of leadership development, encouragement and a deep dive into God's flourishing next step for your life and ministry - at no cost - by registering at: [econationalgathering.org](http://econationalgathering.org). The entire event will be livestreamed from ELMO!

### Early School Legacy Campaign Update:

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and support of the Early School. We are pleased to announce that we have raised a total of \$27,650 which makes us eligible for the matching donation of \$25,000 for a total of \$52,650.00 thus far. Praise God, we are well on our way to our goal of \$100,000 by the end of the current school year.

**During this time of social distancing, God is with you!  
And, we're here for you by phone or online.**

Office is closed, but voicemail will be checked.  
*Rev. Tom Haugen, Pastor*  
*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*  
*Suzy Dobreski, Early School Director*  
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### Elders

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*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*  
*Terry Foil, Early School*  
*Nathan Gates, Outreach*  
*Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer*  
*Susan Hughes, Congregational Life*  
*Ginger Ketzler, Nominating*  
*Carl Perry, Finance & Property*  
*Mary Slater, Human Resources*  
*Jeffrey Smith, Children & Youth Ministries*

### Deacons

*Betty Delk, Co-Moderator*  
*Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator*  
*Bob Aguirre, At-Large*  
*Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation*  
*Anita Allmon*  
*Errin Cecil-Smith, Secretary, Treasurer*  
*Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts*  
*Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation*  
*Pam Jepson, Care Notes*  
*Paul Jepson, Early School Committee*  
*Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship*  
*Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers & Distribution*