



The Federated Church of Hyannis

ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 11, 2022

PRELUDE: *“Prelude No. 15”*, F. Chopin.....Roy Campbell

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Joy.....Carol Wroblewski

Reader: We gather together in joy and celebration of the wonderful life we have been blessed with, and we remember the joy of the wonderful lives that have touched us. Today we honor members of this church that now rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Amen.

ALL: We light this candle to remind us of the joy we have in Christ.

CHORAL INTROIT: *“Sing A New Song to the Lord”*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL WORSHIP (all):

LEADER: Dear and merciful God, we gather in this sacred space to praise You.

ALL: The day of Your coming – past, present, and future – is always near.

LEADER: We trust You are faithful as we wait patiently

ALL: For Your light breaks through the cracks in our lives.

LEADER: You are the God of hope and peace

ALL: And the eternal spring from whom joy flows like an ever-rolling stream.

LEADER: Your eternal flames shine in the darkness

ALL: You fill the empty lungs of creation with Your holy breath and all your people say thanks.

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 85 “Lift Up Your Heads”**

*Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; Behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.*

*O come, my Sov'reign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, Until the glorious crown be won.*

*O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confess!
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes! Amen.*

INVOCATION (all)

Mysterious God, you come to us when we least expect. You come in chance encounters. You come as stars that light the night sky. You reveal yourself in the most unlikely ways. Grant us eyes of faith to see the coming miracle in the manger. Open our ears to hear the anthem of angels. Like Mary and Joseph, embolden our hearts that we may be willing instruments of Your redeeming work in the world You have made. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory forever. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM: "Star in the Night", Linda Spencer.....Choir

THE WORD OF GOD Lay Reader Patty Hill

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 12-13, **New Testament:** Luke 1: 26-38

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF REFLECTION # 92 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

SERMON: “Not Altogether Possible...Until it Happens”Rev. Dr. Calvin Mutti

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “*This is My Song*”Roy Campbell

Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN # 107 “Joy to the World”**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders of His love. Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHOIR AMEN**

***POSTLUDE:** “*My Lord, What a Mornin’*” Roy Campbell

*Please Stand if you are able

Our guest minister today is Rev. Dr. Calvin Mutti, Pastor Emeritus of South Church in Andover, United Church of Christ. An Ohio native, he served 3 congregations in Indiana and Massachusetts during his active career as an ordained minister. He and his wife retired and live in Brewster. He sings with the Chatham Chorale, raises honeybees, grows giant pumpkins, and, as a Master Gardener, teaches in the Children's' Garden. Over the 16 years of his retirement, he has been honored to be invited to preach occasionally here at Federated Church of Hyannis.)