Traditional Service

11:00 am

Anthem There is No Rose

(Composer: anon., 15th c., arr. J. Stevens)

Prelude Concerto in D Major

(Composer: J. F. Fasch)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Veni Emmanuel Introit (Composer: trad., 9th c.)

Responsive Reading Luke 1:46-55

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for meholy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

Opening Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #79

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Promise, we are so grateful for the coming of Christ into the world as our Savior and Lord. But we confess that when we see sin, violence, injustice, and corruption in the world, all too often we grow impatient and lose hope. Help us to wait with hopeful expectation for your return and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News: People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response Glory be to the Father #961

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.

Passing the Peace

Honoring Jim Peterson

Announcements

Luke 1:26-38

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Sermon Hope is Magnified for All

Hope for a Weary World

Musical Reflection Advent Antiphon II

(Composer: J. MacMillan)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem #88

Benediction

Postlude Alleluia, K165

(Composer: W. A. Mozart)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Praise and Prayer

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Goodness of God

Prayer of Confession

You Are My Peace

Passing the Peace

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Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hope is Magnified for All Hope for a Weary World

Closing Song

Reckless Love

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Digging Deeper:

Read: Luke 1:26-38

- 1. What do we know about Mary at the beginning of this passage? (see v. 26-27)
- 2. What was Mary's response to Gabriel's greeting? Why do you think she replied in this way?
- 3. In what way had Mary found favor with God? (v.30-33) In what ways would this have been Good News to her?
- What was Mary's greatest concern about this news? (v. 34) And how did Gabriel explain it to her? (v.35)
- 5. What was Gabriel's final message and how did Elizabeth's situation help him make his point? (v.36-37)
- 6. How did Mary finally submit to God? (v. 38)

Application

- 1. Do you ever feel unworthy or out of favor with God? What factors in your life contribute to this feeling?
- 2. How did Mary fit into God's greater plan of salvation? How does God invite us to join him in his plan of salvation?
- 3. Is there something in your life God is calling you to do that seems impossible? How does this passage encourage you?

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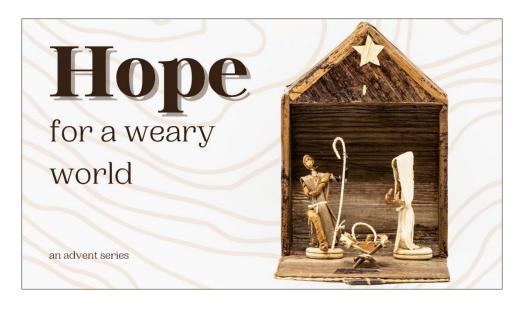


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