

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come.

Jesus taught us that if our brother has something against us, we ought to go and be reconciled to him before we do anything else in gathered worship. Please do that without delay if necessary.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Advent is upon us. This is the time to prepare the way. He is coming and has come. We are expectant that He will arrive and make all things new, pouring his rain in the desert places.

The King of Love

The words of this song hymn the son as King, and tell us that he has come. Why has he come? So that troubled minds can know his peace & captive hearts can be released. The King has come! The King of Love has come!

Beautiful Savior

Why is Christ beautiful to us? Isaiah 53:1-5 has our answer. "Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed."

Beautiful One

Christ had no beauty that would draw us to him. He was despised and rejected. The power of his cross and resurrection that have poured over us cause our hearts to sing "Beautiful One!" O come, let us adore Him!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Although this hymn can be used as a communion hymn any time of the year, it is a beautiful advent hymn, pointing us to stand in awe as the King of kings and Lord of lords descends to earth to vanquish the powers of hell.

SERMON: JOHN SITTEMA

"Babies Who Changed History" Matthew 1

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Candle of Grace

Amazing Grace

It is by grace we live. Grace is our testimony, our story; Grace is our reason to rejoice.

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP WORDS

A path to deeper worship is a clearer theology.

Advent: the period of the church's worship leading to Christmas which recalled Israel's centuries-long expectant hope for the coming Messiah, and renews that hope today as we long for his return.