



HOPE

PEACE

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.

Columbia
United Church
Of Christ



December 5, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Advent II"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"May God give strength to God's people!
May God bless God's people with peace!" -Psalm 29:11*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"

Amy Crousore
Anne Krentz

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Trenton Minor

*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 29)*

Audrey Lasley

Praise God's glory and strength;
Worship God in Holy splendor!

**God's voice is over the waters;
God's glory thunders from the deep.**

Listen for the voice of God;
Calling out, blessing us and calling us by name.

**Our mouths will sing of God's praise for generations;
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" *(insert)*

*Opening Prayer Audrey Lasley

God of PEACE; we gather today as your children knowing that our world is very far from peaceful. We hear about your vision to Isaiah of the PEACE that is possible when we make your priorities our priorities; and we regret that often this vision goes unrealized. We regret that often we turn this vision of what is possible into a mere prediction of events to come. Help us to take this vision into our hearts and work towards a more loving, just and peaceful world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's vision of PEACE is our gift this Advent season; but often we reject it. However, when we repent and turn back to God, we are able to see this vision more clearly. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

(insert, verse 2)

***Christians all, your LORD is coming, calling you to serve in deed
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.
Set all selfish ways behind you.
Purge your hearts of sinful greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.***

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time and Lighting the Advent Candle

Response

"Like a Child Jesus Comes"

(Sung as children return to their seats— see insert)

**Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,
Like a child and a friend, Jesus comes!
Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul and mind,
Like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes!**

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-9

Audrey Lasley

The authors of the Book of Isaiah write about a vision of PEACE; the PEACE that is possible when everyone unites under God's Wisdom and understanding. This is not a prediction of Jesus, but an illustration of how God brings Salvation to humanity in many ways. Page #558

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 1:26-38

Audrey Lasley

God's Heavenly Messenger Gabriel appears to Mary, telling her that she has found favor with God and will be the bearer of the Messiah. Mary is afraid at first, but Gabriel tells her not to be afraid. After overcoming her fear, she tells the Angel, "Let it be." Page #831

Anthem

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Celebration Singers
Gustav Holst

Sermon:

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

"Comfort, Comfort, You My People"

(insert)

Invitation to Communion

After communion is served to our 2021 Confirmands, you will be invited forward; and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to celebrate this joyful meal. When you come forward, the communion steward will drop a piece of bread in your hands; proceed to the next steward who will hand you a cup of wine (or grape juice if you ask). Bring the elements to your seat, where you may choose to wait until all have received the elements and we can partake together.

Communion Prayer
Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer
Invocation
Institution; Fraction; Distribution

The Rite of Confirmation: First Communion

Abby Dennis, Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas

Communion Music “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Amy Crousore
Wesley/Perkins

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you have invited us to this table in communion with all the Confirmation Classes who have gone before us and all who will come after. For that invitation, we give thanks. Here we are strengthened for the task ahead of us: loving your world. Here we receive all Christ’s gifts. Help us realize your blessings every day in our lives, and live lives that reflect your Peace. Make our lives a form of praise for your Word.

The LORD’s Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Brandon Brown)*

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission Moment “VAC/City of Refuge” Mark Duncan

Stewardship Moment “Giving Tuesday” Keith Birkes

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

Offertory “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Amy Crousore
Plainsong/Hopson

*Prayer of Dedication Audrey Lasley

God, we give thanks for the gift of Peace that Christ brings; during this Advent Season we prepare our hearts to receive it. Now take these gifts we offer. May they be used to convey your message of Peace to all the world. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!

Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!

With God our Creator, Children all are we!

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

“Sleepers, Wake!”

Amy Crousore
Walther

Advent Peace

In a world gone hysterical with phobia,
Foaming at the mouth about rights and retaliation,
Spewing propaganda and violence
towards flesh-and-blood humans

In a world where God is twisted into a
Thirsting need for power,
Dominating others who tremble
at their version of a kingdom

In a world that blames the victims,
Accusing the innocent of crimes,
Blocking entrance to the outcasts
who cry for shelter from bitter cold.

Into this world came a baby
Struggling in his mangy crib,
Reminding us that the divine
was housed in the humble, the helpless.

So in this world we pray:
Blessed are those who hunger for right,
Righteous are those who strive for peace,
and peaceful are those who learn to Love.

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Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley
Acolyte: Trenton Minor
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Tiffany Brookshire
Technology Booth: Carissa Graves & John Graves
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Steward: Jessica Jenks & Brent Marcks

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaefer
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers:
Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Phil Dennis & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality: Lorry Dreier
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier & Sue Ann Schaefer

Advent Banquet RSVP
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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

OPEN HOUSE AT THE OBERLE HOUSE

Come hang out with Pastor Rick and Kim on December 17! There will be plenty of food for all. Come and go as you please, any time from 5:00-8:00pm. Everyone is invited; it will be a good time for fun and fellowship; and we will even play a few games! Kim and Rick live at 3905 Snow Leopard Drive 65202.

COOKIES BY THE POUND

The Nurture & Education Ministry Team will be hosting "Cookies by the Pound" again this year on December 12! This annual event raises funds to send our youth to Camp MoVal each summer, and facilitates other Education programming in the church. Plan to donate and purchase on that day! See insert for more info.

ADVENT BANQUET

Our annual Advent Banquet will be December 12 at noon! On that day we will gather after worship for food, fun and fellowship. You must RSVP to attend! You can do so using the QR code in the bulletin or Friday email. Food allergy options are being considered. For more information, talk to Stefanie Zimny.

EAT WITH EIGHT

This fun adventure is back! All you have to do is SIGN UP. We will put your name in the mix with other CUCC families and you will dine with different groups in January, February, March and April 2022. You pick the dates and duties. This is a fun way to get to know everyone! SIGN UP using the link in the Friday email or talk to Anne Heine, Jessica Lucas or today's greeter.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	12/5	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/ FIRST COMMUNION</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team Meeting	12:00pm
Mon	12/6	Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting	6:30pm
Tue	12/7	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	12/8	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:00-9:00pm
Thu	12/9	Women's Fellowship	9:30pm
Fri	12/10	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	12/11	Cantata Rehearsal	9:00am-noon
		Fellowship Hall Booked	9:00am-4:00pm
Sun	12/12	<i>THIRDSUNDAY OF ADVENT/CANTATA ADVENT BANQUET/COOKIES BY THE POUND</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Edie Diel... health issues; strength to endure radiation therapy

Barry Kirchhoff... recovering from procedure

Laura Lentz... recovering from health issues

Heather Myers... recovering from a fall

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Yvonne Piersee

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Victor Makari... serving in Israel/Palestine

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson

CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's People;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;

Transforming both the congregation and community

through service and outreach

Come, Thou Almighty King

Descant

4. To thee, One in Three, e - ter - nal

1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

prais - es be, hence ev - er - more! Thy

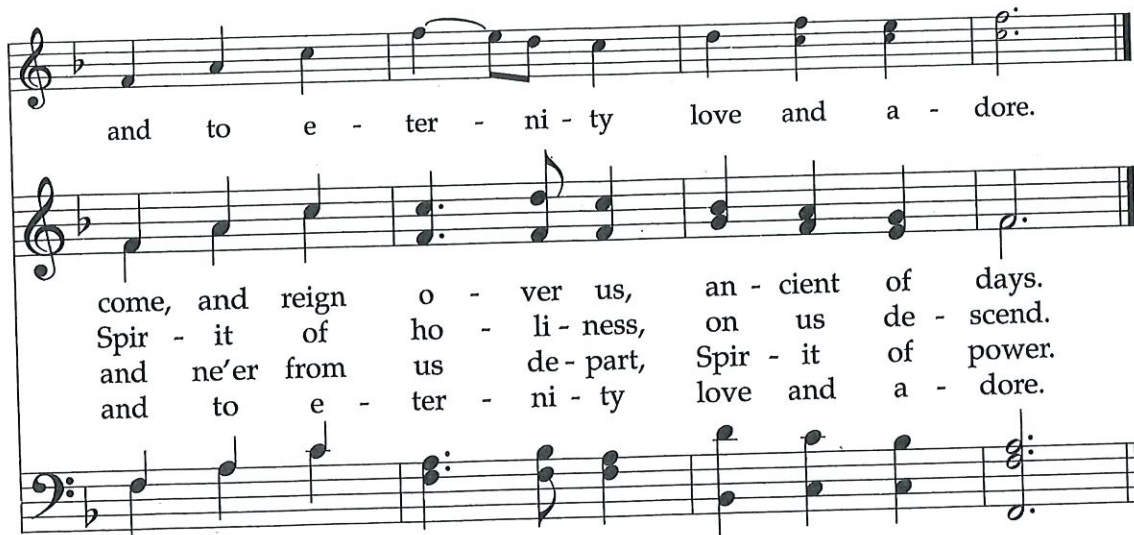
name to sing; help us to praise: one God, all
 might - y sword; our prayer at - tend: come, and thy
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour! Thou who al -
 prais - es be hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - er - eign

maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

WORDS: Anonymous, c. 1760
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769; desc. Charles H. Webb

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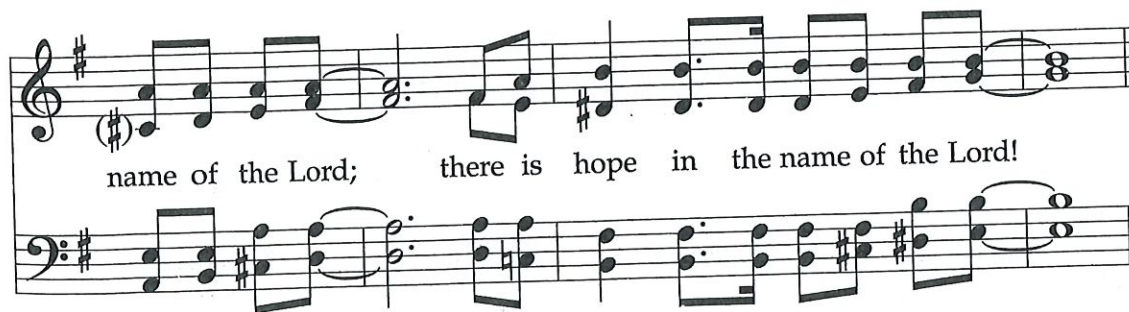
come, and reign o - ver us, an - cient of days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

In the Name of the Lord

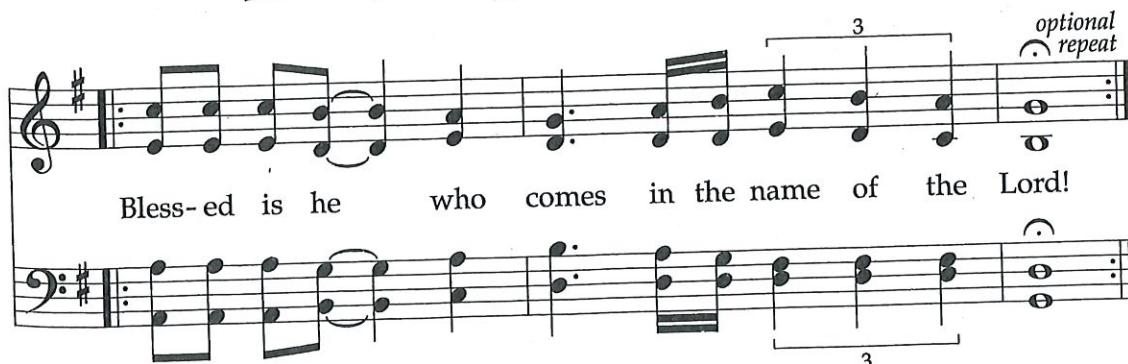
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There is strength in the name of the Lord; there is pow'r in the



name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord!



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

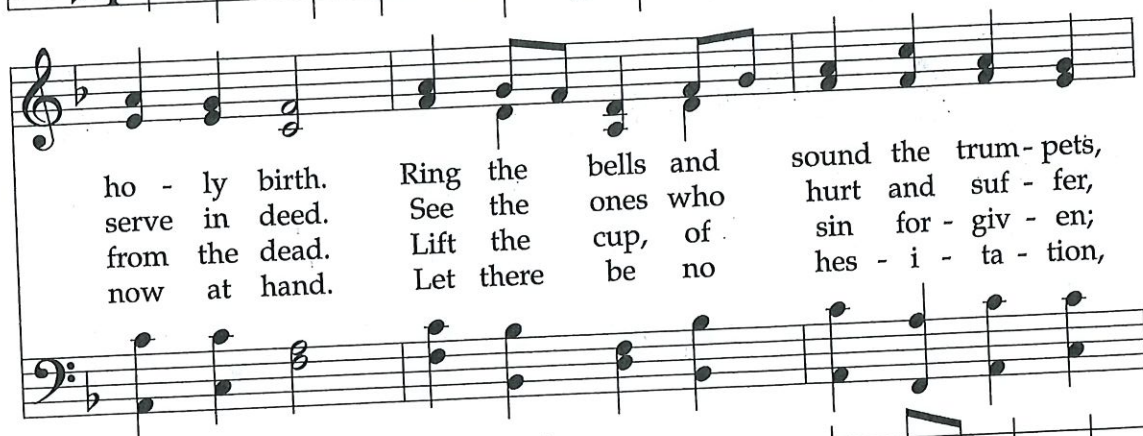
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MUSIC: Sandi Patty, 1986

IN THE NAME OF THE LORD
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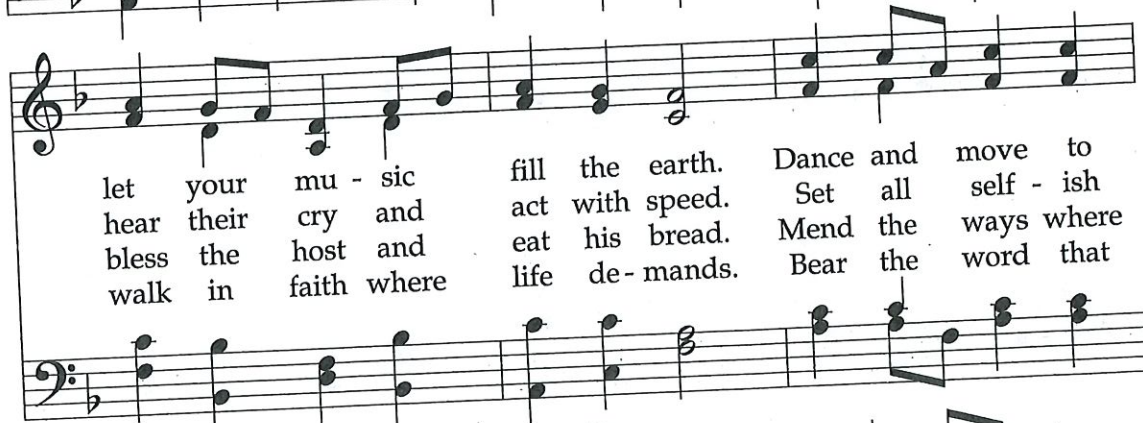
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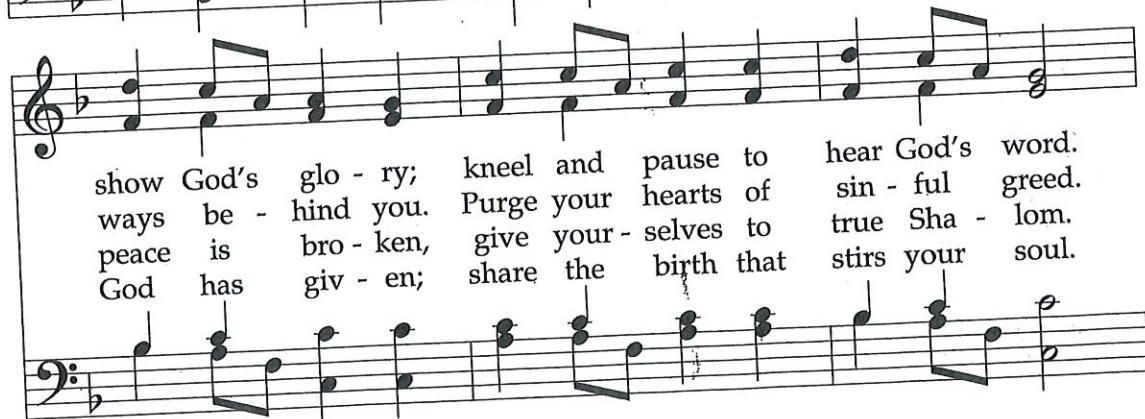
1. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, draw-ing near in
 2. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, call-ing you to
 3. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, he will rise up
 4. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, hope for peace is



ho - ly birth. Ring the bells and sound the trum-pets,
 serve in deed. See the ones who hurt and suf-fer,
 from the dead. Lift the cup, of sin for-giv-en;
 now at hand. Let there be no hes-i-ta-tion,



let your mu-sic fill the earth. Dance and move to
 hear their cry and act with speed. Set all self-ish
 bless the host and eat his bread. Mend the ways where
 walk in faith where life de-mands. Bear the word that



show God's glo-ry; kneel and pause to hear God's word.
 ways be-hind you. Purge your hearts of sin-ful greed.
 peace is bro-ken, give your-selves to true Sha-lom.
 God has giv-en; share the birth that stirs your soul.

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1993
 MUSIC: Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and let your songs be heard.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ in you will meet their need.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dwell as one in church and home.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ will come and make you whole.

Song of Zechariah

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RESPONSE

Unison
 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free.

R

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 who has come to set the chosen people free.

**God has raised up for us
 a mighty savior from the house of David.**
 Through the holy prophets, God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us;
**to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember the holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our ancestor Abraham,
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to worship without fear,
 holy and righteous in God's sight,
 all the days of our life.** R

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.**
 In the tender compassion of our God,
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.** R

WORDS: Luke 1:68-79 (ICET, rev. ELLC, alt.); Response, Michael Perry, 1973
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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like a child

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Unison Gm C Am Dm

1. like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
 2. like a child we will meet, rag - ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
 3. like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a
 child on the street, Je - sus comes like a
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

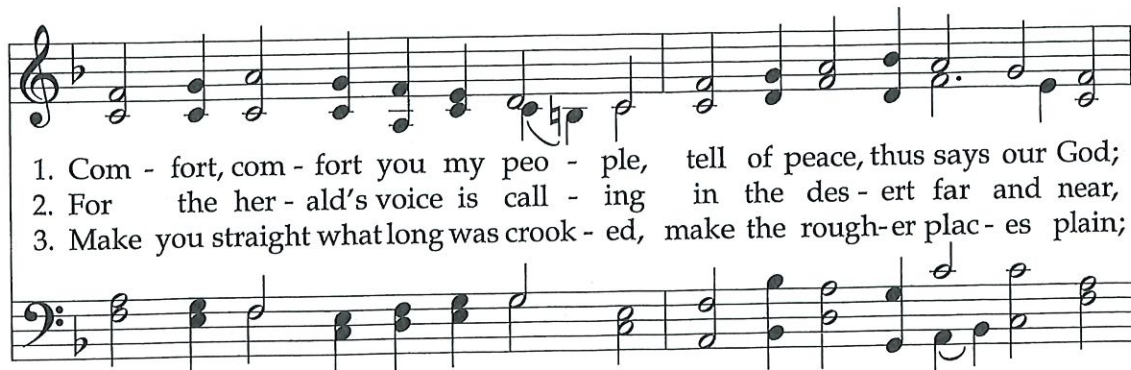
Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim - ing heart soul and mind, like a
 child we once knew com - ing back in - to view, like a
 child we re - ceive all that love can con - ceive, like a

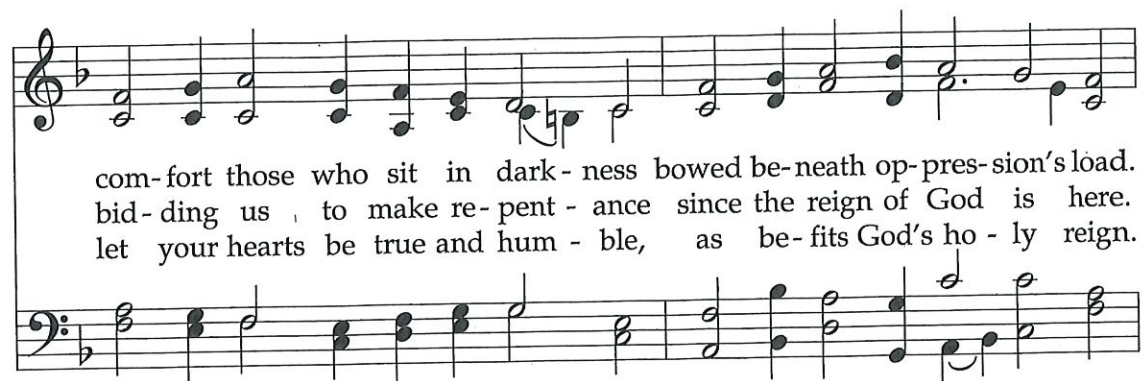
Gm7 C11 F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes
 child born a - new, Je - sus comes
 child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

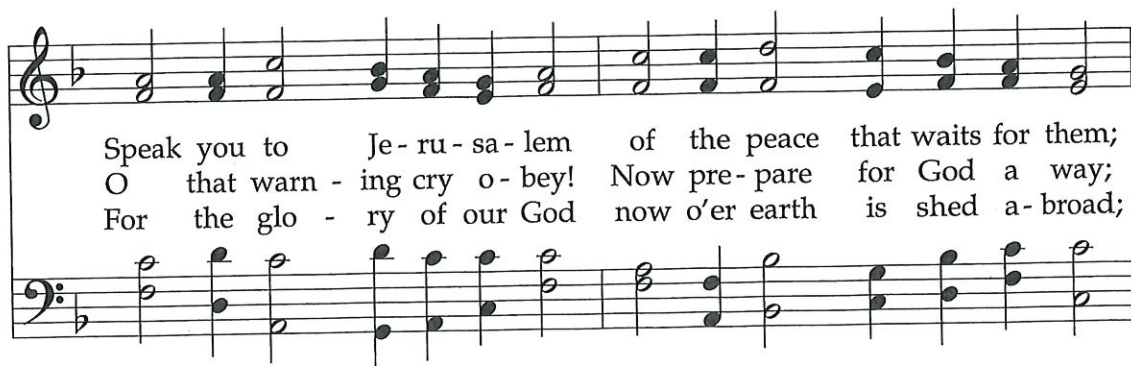
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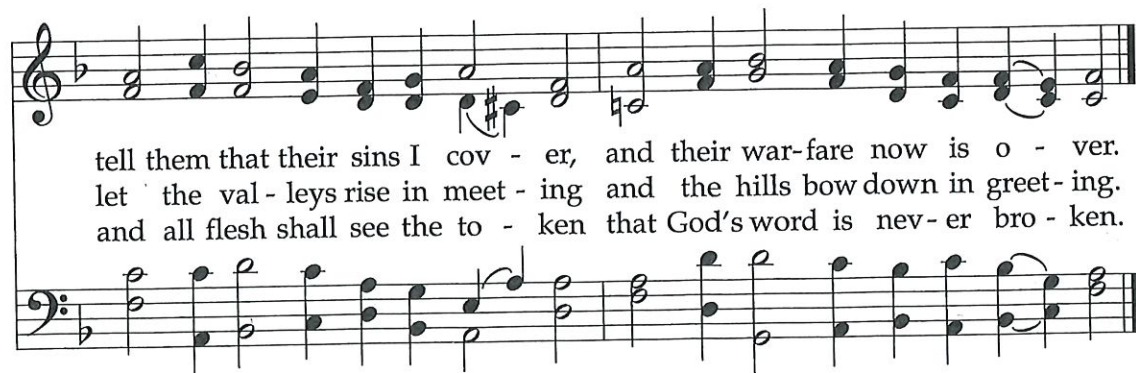
1. Com - fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, tell of peace, thus says our God;
 2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make you straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough-er plac - es plain;



com-fort those who sit in dark - ness bowed be-neath op-pres-sion's load.
 bid - ding us, to make re-pent - ance since the reign of God is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of our God now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver.
 let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

WORDS: Johannes G. Olearius, 1671; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551; harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564

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