

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Year of the Lord's Favor

¹The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came a floweret bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The virgin mother kind
To show God's love alright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night

The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright
How Christ the Lord of glory
Was born on earth this night
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him
As angel heralds said

This flow'r whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere
True man yet very God
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load

O Savior child of Mary
Who felt our human woe
O Savior King of glory
Who dost our weakness know
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day

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■ lighting the candle of peace | *the Brittle family*

■ scripture reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

■ congregational prayer | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

■ missions update | *Bruce Forsee, International Trainer at Training Leaders International*

■ offertory prayer | *Elder Chris Weld*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ sermon scripture reading

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

■ sermon | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor* "The Two Sendings"

■ song of response

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

O come Thou Dayspring from on high
And cause Thy light on us to rise
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come O come true prophet of the Lord
And turn the key to heaven's door
Be Thou our comforter and guide
And lead us to the Father's side
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall by His word our darkness dispel

O come our great High Priest and intercede
Thy sacrifice our only plea
The judgment we no longer fear
Thy precious blood has brought us near
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Has banished every fear of hell

O Come Thou King of nations bring
An end to all our suffering
Bid every pain and sorrow cease
And reign now as our Prince of Peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come again with us to dwell

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■ benediction

■ announcements