

■ **call to worship** | *Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life*

Please read responsively from Isaiah 11: 1-10.

Leader: ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

All: ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Leader: ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

All: ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Leader: ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;

All: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine own sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

■ lighting the candle of hope | *the Heath family*

■ scripture reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort for God's People

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The Word of God Stands Forever

⁶A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

The Greatness of God

⁹Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"

¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

■ congregational prayer

■ offertory prayer | *Maggie Cho*

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ sermon scripture reading

Luke 1:46-56

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call
me blessed;
⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of
their hearts;
⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."
⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months
and returned to her home.

■ sermon | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life "Mary's Magnified Lord"

■ song of response

Father How Sweet

Father how sweet must be the pleasure
You find in Your eternal Son
For long before You made the heavens
Both You and He rejoiced as one
And long before You formed the angels
Before You made the day and night
Jesus exulted in Your presence
And He was all of Your delight

Father what love You've shown to rebels
That You would send Your Son so dear
Into this world of grief and trouble
To bring unworthy sinners near
We'll never fathom how it pained You
When You supplied the offering
To rescue those who had disdained You
To watch Your dear Son suffering

Jesus it fills our hearts with wonder
That You would leave Your heavenly place
To take on flesh to thirst and hunger
To save the ones who spurned Your grace
You came to forfeit every mercy
To die that mercy we would find
And then You hung alone in darkness
So in our hearts Your grace would shine

Jesus in glory You've ascended
Never again to leave Your throne
Because of You we are befriended
Received and welcomed as God's own
Father how sweet now is Your pleasure
In us Your daughters and Your sons
We will delight in You forever
In Jesus You have made us one

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■ benediction

■ announcements | Chris Sicks, Pastor of Mercy