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**December 6, 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**PRELUDE**

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

- Buxtehude

**OPENING HYMN “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;  
Long desired of every nation,  
Joy of every waiting heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, yet God, our 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 all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.  
Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God’s new day.

**GATHERING PRAYER**

God, calm our anxiety, strengthen our patience, and keep our hope aflame, as we work towards, and wait for, your new day. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-15a

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Veni, Veni, Emmanuel”

- Rene Miserez, handbells; Shirley Klein, piano

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Nicene Creed, as we know it, actually is named the “Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.” It was produced at the Council of Nicaea (325). It was assumed that the version with which we are familiar was decided upon at the Council of Constantinople (381) with the objective of bringing the Creed of Nicaea up-to-date with regard to heresies about the Incarnation and the Holy Spirit that had arisen since the Council of Nicaea. More recent research suggests that its development is somewhat more complex. The so-called *Filioque* clause (Latin *filioque*, “and the son”), inserted after the words “the Holy Spirit,...who proceeds from the Father,” was gradually introduced as part of the creed in the Western church, beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. It was accepted by the papacy in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, and has been retained by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Protestant churches; however, the Eastern churches have rejected it on theological grounds and consider it an unauthorized addition to a venerable document.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS**

### **SHARING COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*“Veni Emmanuel”*

- Purvis

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN** *“Arise, the Kingdom is At Hand”*

Arise, the kingdom is at hand,  
the King is drawing nigh;  
Arise with joy, thou faithful band,  
to meet the Lord most high!  
Look up, ye souls weighed down with care,  
The Sovereign is not far;  
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair,  
behold the Morning Star!

O rich the gifts Thou bringest us,  
Thyself made poor and weak;  
O love beyond compare that thus  
can foes and sinners seek!  
For this we raise a gladsome voice  
on high to Thee alone,  
and evermore with thanks rejoice  
before Thy glorious throne.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”*

- Nicolai

*(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)*

***Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.***

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*Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God’s healing touch is of special comfort.*