

Order of Worship: Sunday, December 5, 2021

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Prelude *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* (Basque Carol/arr. H. Hopson)
Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Response

Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting, vs. 2)

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (UMH 196)

Advent Creed

**It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted,
who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—**

This is true:

**I will pour out my spirit on all flesh
and your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
your young men shall see visions
and your old men shall have dreams.**

**It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind,
of justice, of human dignity, of peace
are not meant for this earth and for this history—**

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now,
that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.**

**So let us enter Advent in peace,
Let us see visions of love and justice.
Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:
Jesus Christ—the life of the world.**

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Advent Hymn (arr. J. Martin)
Se'lah

Children's Message

Scripture

Isaiah 40:3-4; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

All Earth is Waiting: Let There Be Peace

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth (UMH 431)

Closing Prayer

**In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.**

**In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission,
that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.**

**In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,
that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.**

Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (J. S. Bach)