



**First Christian Church – *Disciples of Christ*
and St. Clare Chapel**

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 10:30 am

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us - giving light to those who sit in darkness, comforting those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guiding our feet in the way of peace.”

Come, let us Worship our Risen Lord!

**Worship Begins - 10:30 am / Virtual Fellowship to Follow
Marcie Labo - Worship Leader / Elder – June Steen
Pastors – Rev. Liz Miller and Rev. Dr. Jack Miller**

VIDEO – “Advent Peace”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTROIT: *“He Is Here”*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Many: And be light for our darkness.

One: Be comfort in our grief,
Many: Be a friend for our loneliness,

One: An oasis for our searching.
Many: O come, O come, Emmanuel,

All: Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

HYMN OF GATHERING: *“Ready the Way”*

INVOCATION / LORD’S PRAYER:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER:

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1: 4-11

PRAISE HYMN: *“Every Valley”*

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

PRAYER RESPONSE:

“Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.”

AT THE LORD’S TABLE:

Communion Meditation and Words of Institution

Meditation Hymn: *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Communion Prayer

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

The Invitation to Offering

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Offering Prayer

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE: Luke 3: 1-6 – (Video)

MESSAGE: *“Waiting”* - Rev. Liz Miller

CLOSING SONG: *“Let The be Peace on Earth”*

BENEDICTION:



December Birthdays and Anniversaries.

12/8 - Jake Serna

12/9 - Robert Serna

12/10 - Susan Rodney

12/11 - Alan & Nona Carter

12/21 - Joyce Crock

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He Is Here

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am among them." Matthew 18:20

He is here, hal - le - lu - jah! He is here, a - men!

He is here, ho - ly, ho - ly; I will bless His name a - gain.

He is here, lis - ten close - ly; Hear Him call - ing out your name.

He is here; you can touch Him. You will nev - er be the same.

WORDS: L. Kirk Talley
MUSIC: L. Kirk Talley

HE IS HERE
Irregular meter

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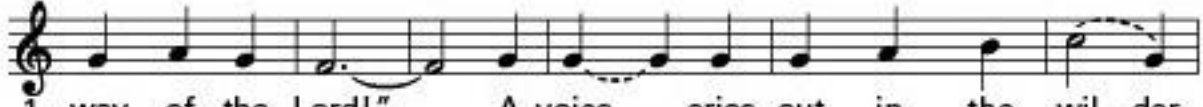
READY THE WAY

Bob Hurd

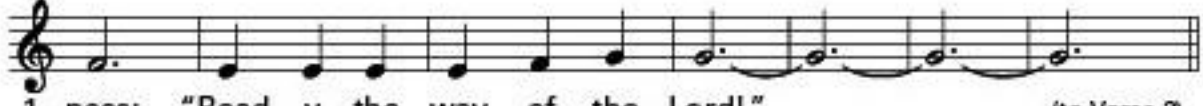
Verses



1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! Read - y the
 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry
 3. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. Des - ert and
 4. Those who are blind will then see. Those who are
 5. Strength-en the ones who are weak. Strength-en the



1. way of the Lord!" A voice ___ cries out in the wil - der -
 2. val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry moun-tain be hum -
 3. waste-land will bloom. ‡ Glo - ry and splen-dor will fill the
 4. deaf will then hear. ‡ Those who are lame will then leap for
 5. ones who are weak. ‡ Say to the fright-ened: "Have cour -

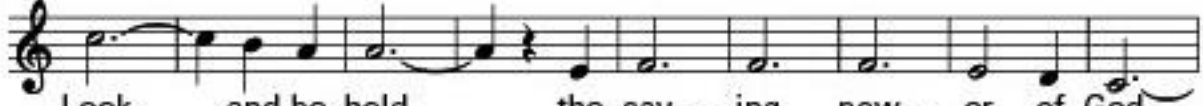


1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." (to Refrain)
 3. land. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. (to Verse 4)
 4. joy. Those who are mute will then sing. (to Refrain)
 5. age." Strength-en the ones who are weak. (to Refrain)


Refrain



Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di - ca - tion.



Look and be-hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.

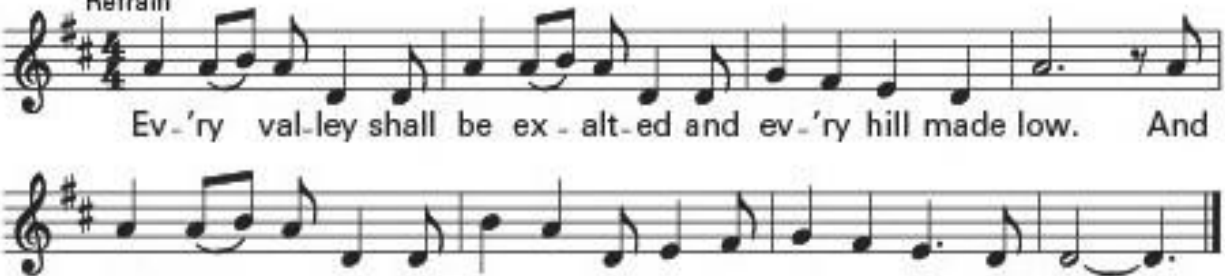


1, 2 to Verses 3, 5 Final
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 The sav - ing pow - er of God.

EVERY VALLEY

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



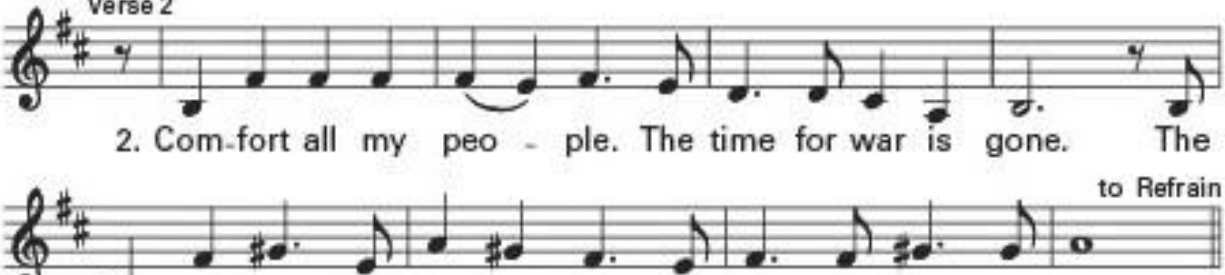
Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex - alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And
all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.

Verses 1, 3



1. A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness, "Pre - pare the way
3. 7 Stand up - on the _ moun-tain - top. O lift your voice
1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des - ert a
3. to the world. Sing joy - ful - ly, Je -
to Refrain
1. high - way, a high - way _ for our God."
3. ru - sa - lem: "Be - hold, _ be - hold your God."

Verse 2



2. Com-fort all my peo - ple. The time for war is gone. The
to Refrain
2. blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap for joy.

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Let There Be Peace On Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to
be. With God as our Fa- ther, broth - ers
(Optional: We are
all are we; Let me walk with my broth - er in
fam - i - ly. Let us walk with each oth - er)

per - fect har - mo - ny. Let peace be - gin with me, let
this be the mo - ment now. With ev - 'ry step I take, let
this be my sol - emn vow: To take each mo - ment and live each
mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth and
1. let it be - gin with me. Final let it be - gin with me.



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Zoom Worship Schedule

Sundays: 10:30 am / Virtual Social - 11:30 am

Email us to be added to our Zoom Worship invitation list.

Our church family is made up of The Mount Vernon First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and St. Clare Chapel, an independent Catholic community. We are a Welcoming, Caring, Communities of Faith! ALL people regardless of their gender, age, race, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family configuration, economic circumstance, or difference in abilities are welcome here. Since March of 2020, at the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic, we began a joint worship virtually on Zoom. What is our worship service like on Zoom? We strive to provide a virtual place of traditional worship presented in a forthright, supportive, and open atmosphere. Our Sunday gathering is filled with fellowship, prayer, music, sharing, and proclaiming the Word. As a community, we gather each week around our virtual table to celebrate communion. All are welcome at our table. We currently worship every Sunday at 10:30 am on Zoom. You are invited to join us! Just send us an email or contact one of our pastors and we will provide you with a link to join us.

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