



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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C
Sunday, December 19, 2021 – 10:30 am**

“The very air we breathe is filled with joyous expectation. The one who has done great things for us is with us now. Glory to God in the highest.”

Come, let us Worship our Risen Lord!

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

VIDEO – “Advent Love”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS - Week Four

INTROIT: *“Think About His Love”*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The time is very near! How quickly it has come upon us!

Many: We are breathless. Still so much to be done.

One: Calm your spirits. Take time to hear the wondrous news.

Many: Open our ears to hear Mary’s Story.

One: Believe in the good news!

All: We believe and rejoice! God’s love is here with us!

HYMN OF GATHERING: *“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”*

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-19

PRAISE HYMN: *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

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: *“Mary Did You Know?”*

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 1: 39-45 – (Video)

MESSAGE: *“Shall We Dance?”* - Rev. Dr. Jack Miller

CLOSING SONG: *“Be the hands, the heart of God”*

BENEDICTION:

**Merry
Christmas**



102 Think About His Love

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His faithful love. Psalm 103:11

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "Think a - bout His love, think a - bout His good - ness, Think a - bout His grace that's brought us through. For as high as the heav - ens a - bove, so great is the mea - sure of our Fa - ther's love. Great is the mea - sure of our Fa - ther's love." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

WORDS: Walt Harrah
MUSIC: Walt Harrah

HARRAH
Irregular meter

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“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Keith Getty, and Stuart Townend
LifeWay Worship Music

Sing we the song of Emmanuel. This the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid, lift your voices, and now proclaim.
Great and glorious love has come to us, join now with the hosts of
heaven.

Interlude:

Come we to welcome Emmanuel. King who came with no crown or
throne. Helpless he lay the invincible maker of Mary now Mary’s son. O
what wisdom to save us all, shepherds sages before him fall, grace and
majesty what humility, come on bended knee adore him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel. Joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads for your King has come. Sing for the Light
overwhelms the dark. Glory shining for all to see. Hope alive let the
gospel ring. God has made a way, he will have the praise, tell the world
his name is Jesus.

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I Love to Tell the Story

Kate Hankey (1866)

Refrain: William G. Fischer (1869)

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems,
Than all the golden fancies, of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best,
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest,
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

Of Jesus and his love,
Of Jesus and his love.

BE THE HANDS, THE HEART OF GOD

Janet Vogt and Mark Friedman

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Be the hands, the heart of God. Go in - to the
world and share God's spir - it. Spread the mes - sage, be
the song. Save a lit - tle bit, then pass it on.

(1st time: Repeat) 6 Final
to Verses to Refrain

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Save a lit - tle bit, then pass it on.

Verses
Cantor All

1-4. Sons and daugh - ters, { 1. peace be - fore you,
2. love be - fore you,
3. light be - fore you,
4. Christ be - fore you, }

Cantor All

1-4. sis - ters, broth - ers, { 1. peace be - hind you.
2. love be - hind you.
3. light be - hind you.
4. Christ be - hind you. }

Cantor

1. Peace sur - round you, one and all.
2. Love sur - round you, one and all.
3. Light sur - round you, one and all.
4. Christ sur - round you, one and all.

All to Refrain

1-4. Save a lit - tle bit, then pass it on.



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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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