

On Jordan's Bank

**1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings,
Glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**2 Then cleansed be every
Christian's breast,
and furnished for so great a guest.
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.**

**3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.**

**4 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free:
Whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts
December 4, 2022
10:00 am

WE GATHER
Prelude

Song Of The Watchman

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Welcome and Announcements

Crossing the Threshold

**Upon this moment,
upon this people,
upon this place,
the holy comes.
And sacred knowing
brings sacred being
for sacred doing of God's plan.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love
Opening Prayer

Denise and Bruce Weaver
Denise Weaver

Opening Hymn of Hope

**People Look East*

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WE PROCLAIM
Mini Message

"Sacred People"

Larainne Wilson

Introduction to Scripture

Gary Muisse

*stand as you are able

After Worship Today



Tonight



POINSETTIA ORDER



I would like to order: ____ red poinsettia(s) \$11.00 each
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to Centre Congregational Church.
These flowers have been given by _____
In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ___ I will take my plant(s) home after one of the services on Christmas Eve.
- ___ I wish to donate my plant(s) to the hospitalized, bereaved or shut-in.

Plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on the 18th and Christmas Eve.
A list of donors will be printed in the bulletin on that day.
Thursday, December 8th is the deadline for placing orders.

People Look East

1 People look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

3 Stars, keep the watch.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearthand set the table.
People look eastand sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

2 Furrows be glad.
Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength
the seed to nourish,
that in the course
the flower may flourish.
People look east and sing today,
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

4 Angels announce
with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peack and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

First Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Gary Muisse

A Word in Music

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Gary Muisse

Response

Gary: A Word of God for the People of God,
People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Using the Portrait Setting for Everyday Life"

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

WE PRAY

Prayer Song

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer
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

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WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God all heavens and the earth;
reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.**

Prayer of Dedication

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God, we pray that this small bit of bread and sip of juice might make
us a sacrament; a source of your Divine love in the hard and harsh
places of the world and for the broken and hurting people of this world.
May our senses be ever tuned to your sacred presence in every person.
In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen**

Anointed to Sacred Time

Closing Hymn

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

#1 (booklet)

WE GO OUT

Benediction

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

Paxton

The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Charles and Charlotte Kilgore,
given by their family.

Our ushers today are Ann and Dwight Decker, Steve Riley, and David Bjorkman.

Fellowship and Decorating the Angel Tree today is organized and hosted
by Annmarie Pendola.

WORSHIP NOTES

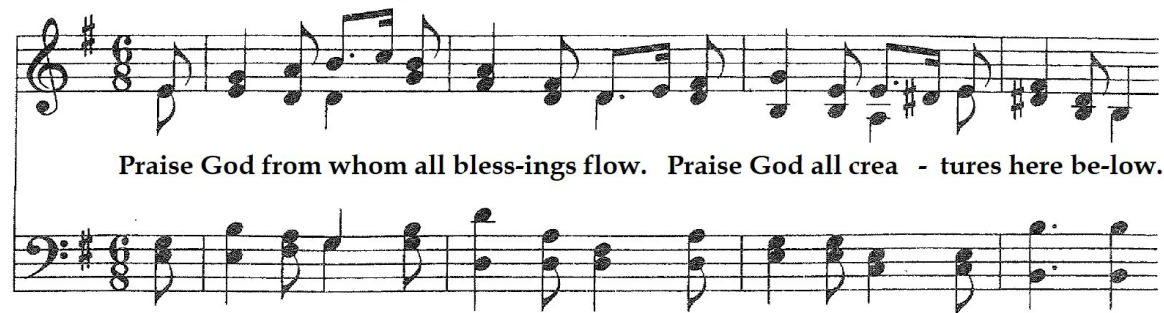
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Doxology

[to the tune of "What Child Is This"]



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God all crea - tures here be-low.



Praise God all heav - ens and the earth, - re - flect-ing the sac - red stor - y.

Refrain



This, this - is Christ the One - who mirr - ors hope - for all of us.

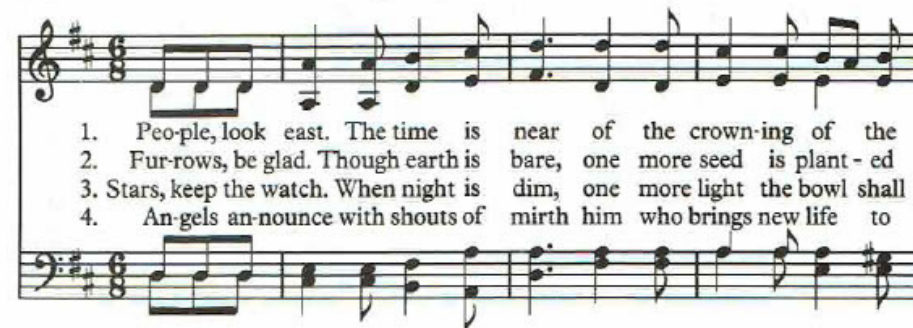


Haste, haste - to bring him laud, - the Word - of time - e - ter - nal.

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GREENSLEEVES
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People, Look East

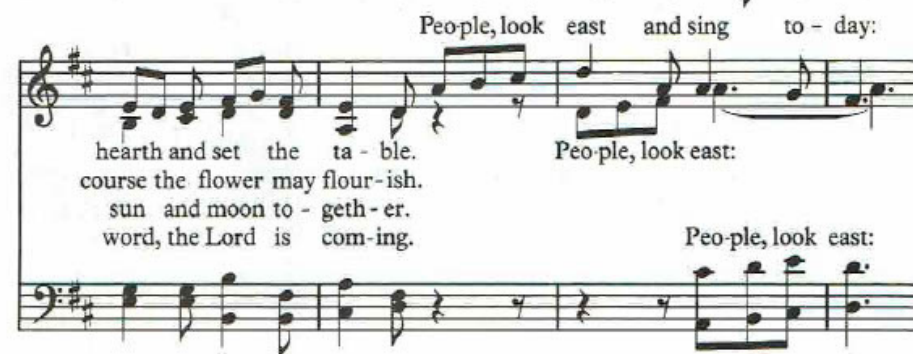


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course the flower may flour-ish.
sun and moon to - geth-er.
word, the Lord is com-ing.



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Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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