

THOSE
WHO *are*
DREAM *not alone*
4TH sunday in advent

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 20, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Online Live Streaming Service

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come
Thom Miles, organ

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of my child,

Suddenly, joy was overflowing.

I knew love, but when you held my hand,

Suddenly, love was overflowing.

I knew God, but when you showed me grace,

when you forgave me,

when you loved me,

when you raised me,

Suddenly, God was overflowing.

So, let us worship Holy God together

as a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

This is community.

This is the body of Christ.

Welcome home.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Jackie & Allen Lund

HYMN #93

Lift Up Your Heads. Ye Mighty Gates
(music for this hymn included at the end of the bulletin)

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Good News, You say to us, "You are highly favored," but we struggle to see how that could be. You say to us, "Do not be afraid," but we are afraid all the time. You say to us, "Even the impossible is possible, just look at Elizabeth!" But hope slips through our hands like water. The impossible still feels impossible. So today I pray, Today we pray: Teach us to

sing like Mary. Teach us to laugh like Elizabeth. Teach us to trust like the angels. Forgive us when we can only do one at a time, or none at all. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

FRENCH CAROL

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
Chancel Choir

Howard Helvey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God,
Before you could speak, you were speaking—
Leaping in wombs, kicking, stretching, jumping for joy.
You have always found a way to show up in our midst,
Particularly on our fearful or lonely days.
So today, as we crack open our Bibles,
Fluttering through these old beloved pages,
We ask that you would move again.
Stir in us. Speak to us. Fill us with the Holy Spirit.
And if we are not able to hear your Word clearly,
Then give us Elizabeths
Who will point out your presence in delight and joy.
Before you could speak, you were speaking,
So here and now, Creator God, we are listening. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Jonathan Hart, liturgist

PSALM READING

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-45

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

REFLECTION

No Wind at the Window

COLUMCILLE

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The musical score is for the word 'Amen'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The treble staff begins with a C4 quarter note, followed by a D4 quarter note, then a half note chord of E4 and F4. The bass staff begins with a C3 half note, followed by a D3 quarter note, then a half note chord of E3 and F3. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes. The word 'A' is under the first note, and 'men.' is under the last two notes. There are two measures of music, each containing the word 'Amen'.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Attr. Johann G. Naumann, 18th cent.

DRESDEN AMEN

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

MOMENT FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING RESPONSE

CRANHAM

**What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

SENDING

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.