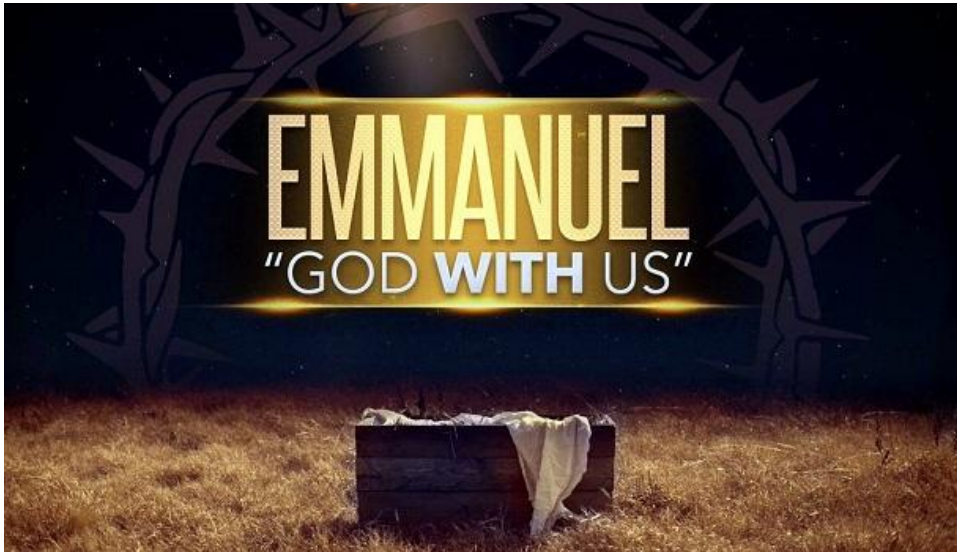


ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday, December 6th 2020

Celebrating 150 years of faithfulness to our community

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: We come from a world of darkness

People: **Into Christ's world of light.**

Pastor: We come from a world of weariness

People: **Into God's strength and hope.**

Pastor: We come from a slumbering world.

All: **Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls
and watch for the coming of Christ.**

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Song "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Peace

Scripture Luke 2:8-14

Prayer

Song "When God is a Child" (*verse 2*)

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:3-15a

Christmas Song

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (*vs 1 & 4*)

Service of Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The institution of the Supper

Prayer of Blessing and Confession

Song “Bring it all to the Table”

Sharing Together in the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon “Emmanuel – God is Still With Us: Messengers of Hope”

Closing Song “Hope Has a Name” Screen

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

(If you wish for your name to be taken off this list, or would like to be added to the list, please let Pastor Kyle or the church office know. Thanks in advance).

Gary Ekhoﬀ
Nancy Lewke
Austin Delaney
Delores Caton
Morgan Bond
Pauline Mitchell

Gene Sievers
Melissa Mort
Mason Beseke
James Caton
Ken Erickson
Minnie Pﬂingsten

Sherrie Hruby
Carter Fortin
Rev. Frank Hoss
Linda Havelly
Mildred Katz
Louise Sievers

How can I give of my tithe and offerings:

Option 1 – Place your offering envelope or gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or drop off at the church during the week.

Option 2 – You can mail in your financial gifts to the church office. The address is St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Option 4 – You can sign up to give automatically from your checking or savings account via an EFT automatic withdrawal – if you'd like a form to fill out, please contact the church office and we'll help you set one up.

Option 5 – You can visit our church webpage for giving and make a secure donation at www.stpetersgp.org/give/

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins. ³ A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD^[a]; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah "Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

2 Peter 3:3-15

³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.^[a]

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.^[b] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord’s patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

Hope Has A Name

Verse 1

Breaking through the silence
With glory in the highest
The hope of all creation
Resting in his mother's arms

Verse 2

A song on the horizon
Ringing through the heavens
The long-awaited Savior
Come to set the captives free
Come to set the captives free
Come set us free

Chorus

Hope has a name
Emmanuel
The Light of the World
Who broke through the darkness
All hail the King

Emmanuel
The Light of the World
The Glory of Heaven

Verse 3

We didn't see it coming
The story of redemption
What started in a manger
Ended in an empty grave
Oh I know that

Bridge

Come if you're broken
Come if you're searching
If you need healing
He's where you find it
Lay down your burdens
And breathe in forgiveness
If you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Oh if you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Yeah He's where you find it oh