



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

December 13, 2020 | Shalom-at-Home #40
NL314 Advent 3 | Advent Promises: Joy

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GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

O come O come Immanuel

HWB 172

Welcome

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Today, we light a candle for Joy.

Joy comforts those who are sad,
Joy frees people from fear and captivity
Joy encourages the meek.

Joy rebuilds what was broken.
Joy welcomes the stranger.
Joy makes pastors of all of us.

Joy removes shame.
Joy puts on fancy clothes and a tiara and dances.
Joy makes gardens grow.

We don't always feel Joy. Yet we are desperate for it.

This Advent we open ourselves to be vessels of Joy.

Pouring out life for others, we yearn to be filled up ourselves.

Hymn

Hope is a candle

STS 15

Anointed to Liberate

**All: The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.**

Reader(s):

She has sent me
to bring good news to the poor,

to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim release for captives,
and liberation for prisoners,
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and a day of vindication for our God,

Hymn

My soul cries out

STS 124

Anointed to Comfort

**All: The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.**

Reader(s):

to comfort all who mourn,
3 to provide for Zion's mourners,
to give them a crown in place of ashes,
oil of joy in place of mourning,
a mantle of praise in place of discouragement.

Hymn

Comfort Comfort O my people

HWB 176

Anointed to Welcome & Rebuild

**All: The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.**

Reader(s):

[Those who mourn] will be called Oaks of
Righteousness,
planted by the Lord [for her glory].
4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins;
they will restore formerly deserted places;
they will renew ruined cities,
places deserted in generations past.
5 Foreigners will stay and shepherd your sheep,

and strangers will be your farmers and
vinedressers.

Hymn

Helpless and Hungry

STS 26

Anointed to Redistribute Wealth

**All: The Lord God's spirit is upon us,
because the Lord has anointed us.**

Reader(s):

6 You will be called The Priests of the Lord;
Ministers of Our God, they will say about you.

You will enjoy the wealth of nations,
and you will glory in their riches.

7 Instead of shame, your portion will be double;
instead of disgrace, you will rejoice over your
share.

You will possess a double portion in your land;
everlasting joy will be yours.

A Jubilee Offering

Hymn

Joy to the world

Anointed to Partner with the Divine

**All: The Lord God's spirit is upon us,
because the Lord has anointed us.**

Reader(s):

8 I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and dishonesty.

I will faithfully give them their wage,
and make with them an enduring covenant.

9 Their offspring will be known among the nations,

and their descendants among the peoples.
All who see them will recognize
that they are a people blessed by the Lord.

Hymn
Prayers of the People

Longing for light

STJ 54

Anointed for Joy

**ALL The Lord God's spirit is upon us,
because the Lord has anointed us.**

Reader(s):

¹⁰ I surely rejoice in the Lord;
my heart is joyful because of my God,
[She is A Sacred Artist who] has clothed me with
clothes of victory,
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,
and like a bride adorned in jewelry.

¹¹ [He is a blessed Farmer, tending] the earth [as it
]puts out its growth.
[As] a garden grows its seeds,
so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise
before all the nations.

Hymn
Introductions & Announcements
Benediction

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

HWB 211

BreakOut Groups – an optional opportunity to talk for a few minutes with others gathered on the following prompts.

- 1) Tell us your name(s) and where you are
- 2) What has been one good thing and one challenging thing about this experience in the past week?

3) Closing thought, prayers or pass the peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glimpses of Shalom: Daily Advent Snapshots

What does your spirit hold in Advent 2020? Worship Team invites each of you to consider sharing a piece of your experience of this unprecedented season. We plan to email out daily 'snapshots' of throughout Advent of what you submit: written reflections, photographs, images, song recordings, poems, or any other email-able medium that expresses a piece of your current journey.

If you're interested in contributing, email [Krista Showalter Ehst](mailto:Krista.Showalter.Ehst) to receive more details.

Financial Capacity Survey

Shalom is trying to assess our financial capacity for increasing pastoral staff in 2021 and beyond. Please take a moment to [complete this survey](#) to let us know how much of your resources and Shalom's shared resources we can count on. This information will inform follow-up proposals and inquiries about priorities for that time.

Upcoming Birthdays:

Barry Hart – December 13
Ezra Wenger – December 14
Pat Martin – December 16
Marie Snavelly – December 17
Sophia Yoder – December 17

Budget Report | December 6, 2020

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$6,490.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,648.58
December	\$6,490.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,810.52
YTD	\$160,125.91	YTD	\$178,780.49

Regular offering, as well as donations to other funds can all be made online at <https://shalommc.breezechms.com/give/online> as well as mailed into EMU, Campus Box 8, Harrisonburg, VA, 22802

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom-at-Home! If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on pastoral team, please send your name and email to office@shalommc.org.

Shalom Mennonite Congregation is a welcoming and inclusive community rooted in Jesus' radical call to love, justice, and peace.

We seek to grow our welcome and inclusion as we deepen our spirituality, build meaningful relationships, work for peace and social justice, and cultivate diverse community connections.

Visit our website at shalommc.org/vision to find out more about who we are, what we do, and what we strive for. You can also read there about our commitment statements regarding inclusion of people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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Administrative Council & Congregational Chair: Anne Martin

Please contact any member of the Safe Congregation Team if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical abuse by child-care workers, teachers, or others in the congregation: Kate Clark, 810-1067; Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381.

172 O come, O come, Immanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain



1 O come, O come, Im - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 3 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 4 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our
 5 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
 6 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

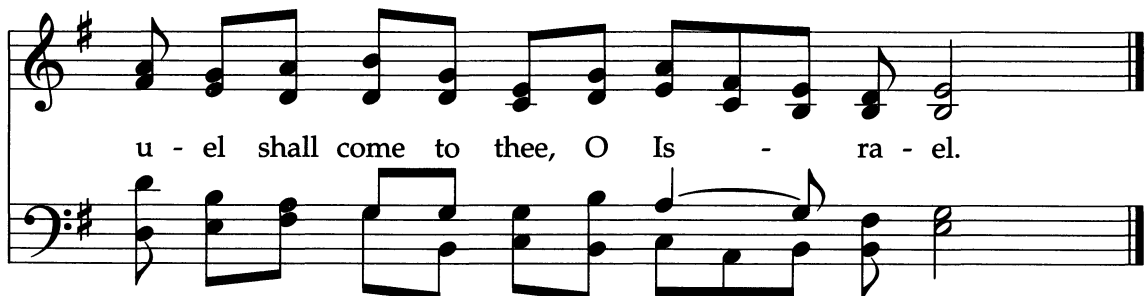


1 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 tyr - an - ny. From depths of hell thy peo - ple
 3 ad - vent here. Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 4 heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on
 5 far and nigh. To us the path of knowl - edge
 6 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels



1 here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 3 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 4 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 5 show, and cause us in thy ways to go.
 6 cease. Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Refrain



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Hope is a candle

GALLOWAY TAM 11 10. 11 8



- 1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
 2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
 3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
 4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,
 5 Christ is the light that the proph - ets a - wait - ed,



- 1 nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
 2 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
 3 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
 4 mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark;
 5 Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.



- 1 dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - i-lege—
 2 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
 3 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
 4 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
 5 Christ is the love and the mys - t'ry and laugh - ter—



- 1 when they are gone, hope will shine on.
 2 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.
 3 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - ery - where.
 4 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.
 5 can - dles, make way! Christ is the day.

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My soul cries out

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN 98. 10 8D with refrain



1 My _____ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though _____ I am small, my _____ God, my all, you _____
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from _____ age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it _____ sings of the
 work great _____ things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's _____ mer - cy _____ must de -



won - drous _____ things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice _____ tears ev - 'ry ty - rant _____ from his throne. The
 liv - er _____ us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall _____ weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the -



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be

Original title: "Canticle of the Turning"

Text: Rory Cooney, based on Luke 1:46-58

Music: Irish traditional; arranged by Rory Cooney

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G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

GENEVA 42 (FREU DICH SEHR) 87. 87. 77. 88

1 Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, speak of peace, now
 2 Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing in the des - ert
 3 O make straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

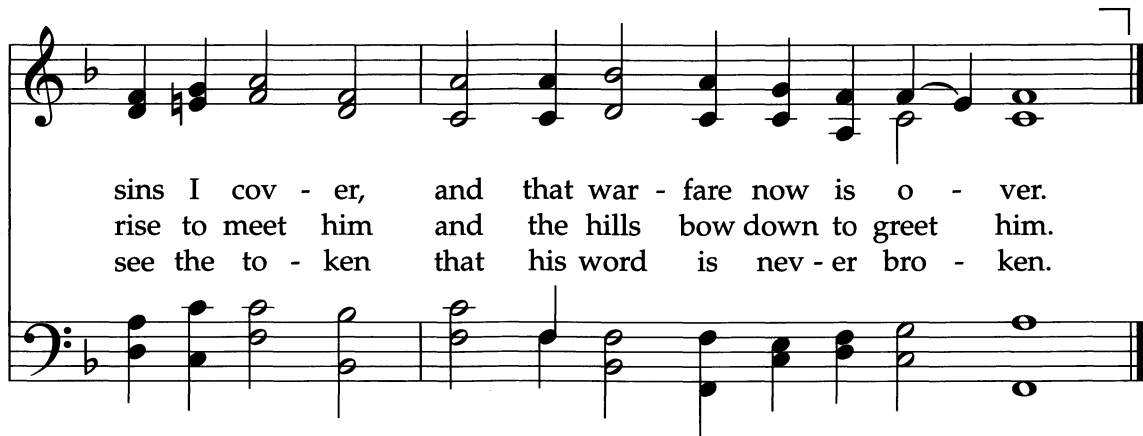
says our God. Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 far and near, bid - ding all to full re - pen - tance
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -
 since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the

lem of the peace that waits for them. Tell of all the
 bey! Now pre - pare for God a way. Let the val - leys
 Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad. And all flesh shall

Text: based on Isaiah 40, Johannes Olearius, "Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben," *Geistliche Singe-kunst*, 1671; tr. Catherine Winkworth, *Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

Music: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harmonization adapted from Claude Goudimel, *Les Pseaumes ...*, 1565



sins I cov - er, and that war - fare now is o - ver.
 rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
 see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Creator of the stars of night 177

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM LM



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse should doom to
 3 When this old world drew on t'ward night, you came, but
 4 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us
 6 To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, and God the



1 ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 death a u - ni - verse, you came, O Sav - ior, to set free
 3 not in splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 bend, all hearts must bow. All things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 for e - ter - nal day. De - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 Spir - it, Three - in - One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 4 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: anonymous, *Conditor alme siderum*, 9th c.; tr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.
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Music: Plainsong

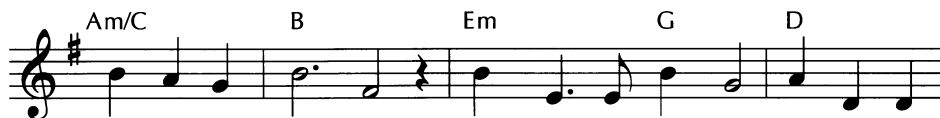
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Helpless and hungry

CHILD OF THE POOR* 548. 585 with refrain



1 Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly, a-fraid, wrapped in the
 2 Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look-ing for
 3 Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with



chill of mid-win-ter; comes now a-mong us, born in-to
 shel-ter a-mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we
 nothing to of-fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the



pov-er-ty's em-brace, new life for the world.
 see a-mid the poor, the chil-dren of God?
 fright-ened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Refrain



Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,



know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the world in the



eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

*Original title

This hymn may be sung with *What child is this* (Hymnal: A Worship Book #215, melody only) as follows:
Helpless and hungry, v. 1, followed by *What child is this*, v. 1;
Helpless and hungry, v. 2, followed by *What child is this*, v. 2;
 both sung simultaneously on v. 3.

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Longing for light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus



1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness.
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled.
 3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry.
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less.
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple,

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus



1 Long-ing for truth, — we turn to you.
 2 Long-ing for hope, — man - y de - spair.
 3 Long-ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
 4 Long ing for warmth, — man - y are cold.
 5 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Em Am7 D G



1 Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple,
 2 Your word a - lone — has pow'r to save us.
 3 Make us your bread, — bro - ken for oth - ers,
 4 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 5 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

C Am Dsus D



1 light for the world to see.
 2 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3 shared un - til all are fed.
 4 walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5 mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain

G C G Em



211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS' 76. 76. 676

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem has sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind.
 3 Flow - er, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where.

It came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 death he saves us, and light - ens ev - 'ry load.

Bm Em Am7 D

hearts. Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Shine through the dark - ness.

G Dsus D Em Em7/D C

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church

Am7 D G Am7/G 1-4 G 5 G

gath-ered to - day.

Healing balm, forgiving Lord 55

Em Bm Em C Bm Am Bm7 Em

Heal-ing balm, for-giv-ing Lord, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

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