

# FROM FEAR

# to Peace



December 6, 2020

10 am

## Prelude

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
The United Lutheran Church Jubilee Bell Choir

Barbara B. Kinyon

The prelude is a time for quiet reflection.

## Call to Worship

Christine Ford

## Hymn

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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## Prayer of Invocation

## Response

*In excelsis Deo*

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## Passing of the Peace

### Children's Message

Rev. Adam Blons

### Response

*From Heaven Above*  
Chapel Choir

Nancy Lancaster

From heaven above to earth He comes, Alleluia.  
To bring good news to everyone, Alleluia.

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace

Ray Olson &  
Roberta Aitchison Olson

### Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

One: May these words be to us our light and our life.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Hymn

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

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### Welcome

### Gathering Our Prayers

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Invitation to the Christmas Joy Offering

Margo Dickinson

### Offertory

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*  
Lynn Liepold, organ

Stephen Weber

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Hymn

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

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## Benediction

## Response

*While We are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

While we are wait - ting come;  
while we are wait - ing come. Je - sus, our Lord, Em -  
man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come. A - men.

## Postlude

*Partita on "From Heaven Above"*  
Lynn Liepold, organ

David Schack  
(b. 1947)



## Notes About Our Service

We affirm many words and images to talk about God. Feel free to change the words as you speak or sing to those you prefer.

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## Church Staff

Adam Blons, Lead Minister

Corinne Freedman Ellis, Minister of  
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Penny Heubach, Wedding Coordinator

Ellen Hedrick, 55+ Director

Cassie Sawyer and Mike Jenkins, Student  
Residents

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

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have  
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 where. 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 now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

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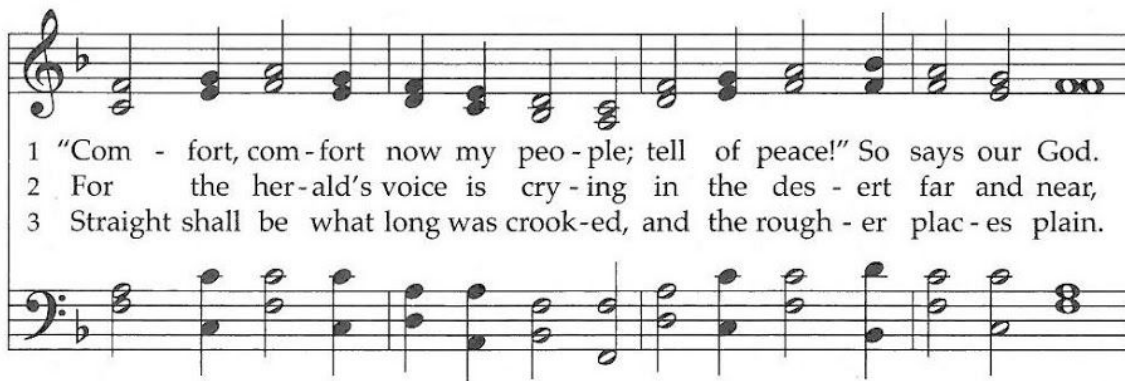
1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.  
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.



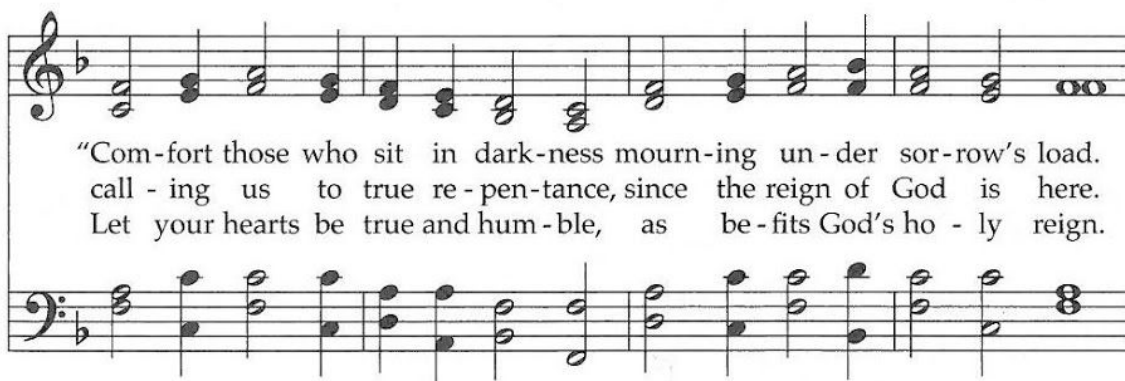
Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.



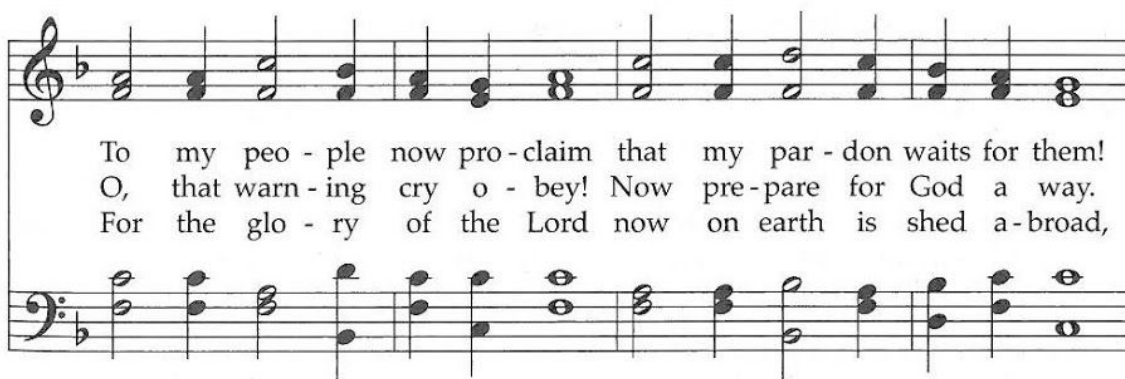
# Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



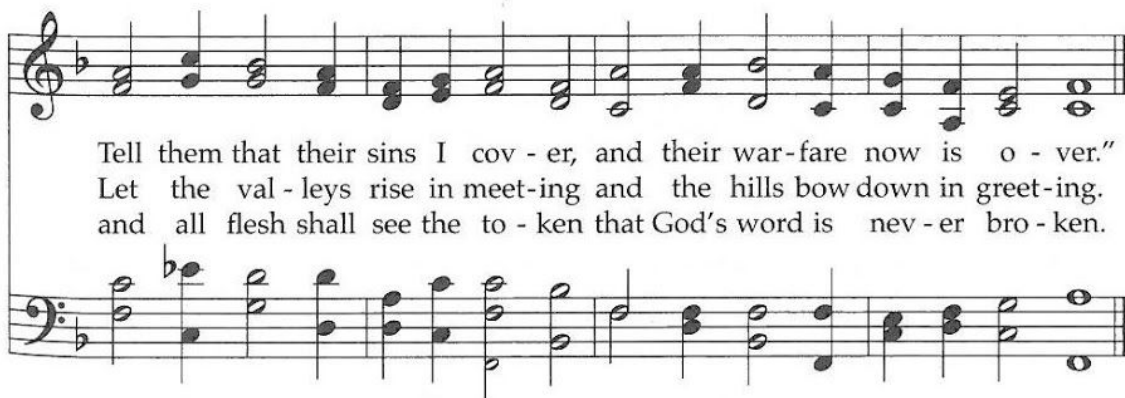
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen-tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!  
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a-broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.