

# PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

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## Prelude

*Sonata V in A Minor, Allemande & Sarabanda*

Georg Philipp Telemann

Mark McKeever, Harpsichord; Linda Whitesitt, Violin

## Welcome to Worship

### \*Hymn #87

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Genevan 42

*“Comfort, comfort now my people, tell of peace!” So says our God.*

*“Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning under sorrows' load.*

*To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!*

*Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.”*

*For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,*

*Calling us to true repentance, Since the reign of God is here.*

*Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.*

*Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.*

*Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.*

*Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.*

*For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,*

*And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.*

## Candle of Hope

based on Psalm 25:1-10

One: O Lord, you are our God, we will exalt you, we will praise your name.

**Many: We light a candle of hope...**

For you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

**We hope for an end to violent rhetoric and actions.**

**We hope for reconciliation between neighbors.**

**We hope for a worldwide ceasefire.**

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

**Hear the Good News: Love is on the way!**

## Prayer of Hope

### Meditation

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Graham Fowler

### Response# 105, vv. 1&2

*People Look East*

Besançon

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

*Make your house fair as you are able; Trim the hearth and set the table.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:*

*Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

## Candle of Peace

based on Luke 1:68-70

One: Blessed be the Lord God, for the Lord has looked favorably on the people and redeemed them.

**Many: We light a candle of peace...**

The Lord has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of the servant David.

**We pray for places that seem like a lost cause to the ways of peace.**

**We name the peace that we seek for our own lives.**

**We seek a peace that passes all understanding.**

As the Lord spoke through the mouth of the holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the land of all who hate us.

**Hear the Good News: Love is on the way!**

## Prayer of Peace

### Meditation

Malachi 3:1-4

Janice Tiedeck

### Response #105, vv. 3&4

*People Look East*

Besançon

*Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.*

*Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the Bird, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. 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.*

## Call for the Offering

Tonight's offering is going to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church in Black Mountain, North Carolina as they continue to support their surrounding community after Hurricane Helene.

### Offertory

*I Will Sing Praise*

The Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

## Prayer of Dedication

### \*Response #100, vv. 1&2

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

Star of the County Down

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,*

*And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who waits.*

*You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,*

*So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

**CHORUS: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, For the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.**

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.*

*And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.*

*Your very name puts the proud to shame, and those who would for you yearn,*

*You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (chorus)*

## Candle of Joy

based on Isaiah 12:2-6

One: Surely God is our salvation; we will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is our strength and our might; the Lord has become our salvation

**Many: We light a candle of joy...**

Give thanks to the Lord, call on Their name; make known Their deeds among nations; proclaim that the Lord's name is exalted.

**May those who have lost joy find it restored.**

**May those whose joy has been drowned out by apathy or hate, find their way.**

**May we all have joy in the Lord.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy... for great in our midst is the Holy One.

**Hear the Good News: Love is on the way!**

## Prayer of Joy

### Meditation

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Caleb McClure

**Response #100, vv. 3&4**      *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*      Star of the County Down

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.*

*Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.*

*The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;*

*These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.*

**CHORUS: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.**

*Wipe away all tears, For the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.*

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:*

*God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.*

*This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise that holds us bound,*

*'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (chorus)*

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## Prayers of the People

Scott Bowerman

### Candle of Love

based on Luke 1:40b-55

One: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirit rejoices in God our Savior;

**Many: We light a candle of love...**

The Mighty One has done great things and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

**May we love our neighbor.**

**May we love justice and peace.**

**May we live the way of love.**

The Mighty One has lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

**Hear the Good News: Love is on the way!**

## Prayer of Love

### Meditation

Micah 5:2-5a

Kathryn Z. Johnston

**\*Hymn #134**

*Joy to the World*

Antioch

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Adjournment**

**\*Response# 102, v. 5**

*People Look East*

Besançon

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People look east: Love, the Lord is on the way.*

**\*Postlude**

*This Day There is Great Rejoicing*

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