

The Anthem *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”* Sondra Tucker, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Philippians 1:3-11* p. 239 in the pew Bible

Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 359 *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Luke 3:1-6* p. 72 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Waiting and Hoping”*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*
I. Dialogue Jon Spong

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

How good You have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By Your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 2 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

*Litany for *Advent*

O world, listen! Do not sleep—
For the realm of God is near!
Arise, and turn your eyes to the east,
Where the nations are gathering with shouts of joy,
Singing songs as at harvest-time,
Swelling the air with praise!
The Lord of life has remembered them,
The God of Heaven has blessed the earth;
Their lamentations have become celebrations;
Their death march, the holy dance!
At the sound of their singing, the mountains are leveled;
At the sound of their laughter, the valleys are filled.
At the sound of their clapping, the crooked is made straight;
At the sound of their tramping, the rough is made smooth.
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord!
O world, listen! Do not sleep!
The realm of God is near!

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

II. Recessional

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