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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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*Service of Wholeness and Healing*

December 19, 2021 - 4:30 pm



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**Prelude**

**"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

arr. Jay Rouse

*Cynthia Hartis, piano*

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

**Opening Poem**

**Hymn # 785**

**"In Deepest Night"**

Rose Mary

In deepest night, in darkest days,  
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
when silence must suffice as praise,  
yet sounding in us quietly  
there is the song of God.

When through the waters winds our path,  
around us pain, around us death:  
deep calls to deep, a saving breath,  
and found beside us faithfully  
there is the love of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived,  
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;  
so with us in our grief God grieves,  
and round about us mournfully  
there are the tears of God.

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture Readings & Musical Response

### **Isaiah 40**

Hymn # 787, verse 1    **“God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn”**

*God weeps with us who weep and mourn;  
God's tears flow down with ours,  
and God's own heart is bruised and worn  
from all the heavy hours  
of watching while the soul's bright fire  
burned lower day by day,  
and pulse and breath and love's desire  
dimmed down to ash and clay.*

### **Lamentations 3:21-24**

Hymn # 787, verse 2    **“God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn”**

*Through tears and sorrow, God,  
we share a sense of your vast grief:  
the weight of bearing every prayer  
for healing and relief,  
the burden of our questions why,  
the doubts that they engage,  
and as our friends and loved ones die,  
our hopelessness and rage.*

### **John 14:27-28**

Hymn # 787, verse 3    **“God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn”**

*And yet because, like us, you weep,  
we trust you will receive  
and in your tender heart will keep  
the ones for whom we grieve,  
while with your tears our hearts will taste  
the deep, dear core of things  
from which both life and death  
are graced by love's renewing springs.*

### **Psalm 121**

**Prayers of the People with musical collect of O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Individual Prayer**

**Personal Meditation, Contemplation, and Reflection**

## Closing Hymn # 314

## "Christ, Be Our Light"

Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*[Refrain]*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *[Refrain]*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *[Refrain]*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *[Refrain]*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. *[Refrain]*

## Communal Sending

We are here.  
I see you and your pain.  
I see you and your hope.  
You are my neighbor.  
We belong to one another.  
We are not in this alone.  
Thanks be to God for the love that  
binds us.  
Amen.

**We are here.**  
**I see you and your pain.**  
**I see you and your hope.**  
**You are my neighbor.**  
**We belong to one another.**  
**We are not in this alone.**  
**Thanks be to God for the love that**  
**binds us.**

## Benediction

### Postlude

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" arr. Jay Rouse

Cynthia Hartis, piano

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