

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**
**O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by
Thine advent here.**
**Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark
shadow put to flight.**
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
**O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our
heavenly home;**
**Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path
to misery.**
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

LORD OF HOSTS

**O the Lord of hosts will come and the proud will be hum-
bled,
O the Lord of hosts will come and ev'ry tower will fall down.
O the Lord of hosts will come and the idol will crumble.
O the Lord will come with majesty his crown.**
Alleluia!
**In a land full of silver, a land filled with gold,
In a land where treasures overflow.
In a land filled with idols where hearts have grown cold,
All things made by human hands will fade when truth un-
folds.**
(repeat first four lines)
Alleluia, sing to the Lord a joyful song of praise.



CENTRAL PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2nd 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Mary A. Kelly, Pastor

Paul Homer, Music Director

Today's Organist & Choir Director is Betty Venator, and we are grateful to Betty and her husband, Richard, for being such wonderful friends of our congregation.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Lector: Memo Oshei

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Kessler, Bilombele Sila, Memo Oshei
Christian Ed. Director: Judy Toone CPC Admin.: Lauren Culligan

Birthdays: 7th David May, 8th Nicole Penna

Today, 12:15pm Central Park Annual Church Conference, Rev. Carlos Rosa-Lageur will preside as he begins his ministry as our District Superintendent. All are encouraged to attend, Dayer Room.

Alert Next Sunday Dec, 9 is the final Sunday to submit your Holiday Floral fundraiser flower orders.

Also: Sunday, Dec. 9, Ruth Mohn will present hand-selected pieces of her own original artwork for sale, with proceeds to benefit the church. The sale will take place in the parlor immediately following our Service of Worship.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE (+ indicates standing)

Prelude "I Love the Lord" James Southbridge

+Lighting the Advent Candle: UM Book of Worship

*We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.*

O Come, O come, Emmanuel.

+Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH 211

Opening Prayer (Unison): 2018 Abingdon Worship Annual

**Christ Jesus, come to us now.
Enter our hearts and our lives once more,
that we may pay heed to the signs all around us.
Awaken us to the reality that time is precious.
Make your ways known to us, and lead us in your truth.
Stir your love in our hearts,
that your church may be strengthened
as we worship and work in your world.
In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

Anthem "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" David H. Williams

A Time for Children with Jackie Paterniti

Prayers of Intercession: UM Book of Worship 255

Response: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

The Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 33:14-16 OT p737

+The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 NT p85

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God!*

"Get Up, Stand Up" The Rev. Mary A. Kelly

+Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH 221

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Lord of Hosts" Joseph M. Martin

+Doxology

Holy Communion UMH 17

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

+Closing Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

+Dismissal with Blessing:

Signs are all around.

Christ is coming soon.

Signs are all around.

Christ has come to earth.

Signs are all around.

Christmas is almost here.

Signs are all around.

Christ's love is needed now.

Signs are all around.

Calling us to love.

Signs are all around.

Leading us forth in love.

Sending us forth in peace.

Go in the name of Christ, and Christmas love.

Flowers from Memo Oshei, in memory of Mary Bayliss Oshei

*It's so simple to make Christmas a little brighter for a child in our congregation this year. Please stop by the **Angel Tree** in the narthex, starting Dec 2., pick out an angel, sign your name on the sign-up angel sheet next to the corresponding number, shop for items on their wish list (up to \$50.00), return your unwrapped gifts in a bag with the Angel attached by December 16th... then wrap your arms around yourself and know that's us giving you a huge hug of thanks for being an angel to our angels! If you'd prefer to help but not shop, consider purchasing a Tops gift card, or make a monetary donation to help defray the extra costs. Any questions please see **Judy Toone** or give her a call at 998-2512.*

