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Praise

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

**In The Bleak Midwinter
UMH# 221**

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.



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Words of Welcome

Morning Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer)

In the lonely places
The wilderness
Where we stand forlorn
Windswept and alone
Your voice calls out

All: Prepare a way for the Lord

In the dark places
The shadows
Where we hide our fears
Embrace our tears
Your voice calls out

All: Prepare a way for the Lord

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, The power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Dale & Becky Hughes and Maidie Kelly

Praise

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O Come O Come Emmanuel
UMH# 211**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height



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In ancient times one gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
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Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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That mourns in lonely exile here,
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Reading from the Original Testament

Isaiah 40:1-11

*Comfort, comfort my people!
says your God.*

*Speak compassionately to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended,
that her penalty has been paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins!*

A voice is crying out:

*"Clear the Lord's way in the desert!
Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!*

*Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill will be flattened.
Uneven ground will become level,
and rough terrain a valley plain.*

*The Lord's glory will appear,
and all humanity will see it together;
the Lord's mouth has commanded it."*

*Go up on a high mountain,
messenger Zion!*

*Raise your voice and shout,
messenger Jerusalem!*

*Raise it; don't be afraid;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"*

Here is the Lord God,



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*coming with strength,
with a triumphant arm,
bringing his reward with him
and his payment before him.*

*Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock;
he will gather lambs in his arms
and lift them onto his lap.
He will gently guide the nursing ewes.*

Sermon Series:

**Where We Belong
Where the Wild Things Are**
Pastor Scott Walters

Pastoral Prayer

Announcement & Blessing