



HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday, December 10, 2017 ~10:00 a.m.

Second Week of Advent

**Please stand as you are able*

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 30:18; 64:4 Psalm 33:20; 38:15 John 14:27*

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Lord, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

*HYMN 203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come to us, Lord Jesus, and bring us the gift of new insight. Let us leave this place today challenged by your call to change. Complacency is our companion as we examine ourselves. It is too easy to take you for granted, dear God, and to quietly accept the clutter of our lives. Capture our attention, O God! In Jesus' name, Amen.

*GREET ONE ANOTHER BY PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHOIR ANTHEM *Come Flood This Heart of Mine*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*THE WORD *Luke 1:5-25 Common English Bible*

During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. They were both righteous before God, blameless in their observance of all the Lord's commandments and

regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old.

One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God because his priestly division was on duty. Following the customs of priestly service, he was chosen by lottery to go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense. All the people who gathered to worship were praying outside during this hour of incense offering.

An angel from the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled and overcome with fear. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John.

He will be a joy and delight to you, and many people will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the Lord's eyes. He must not drink wine and liquor. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth. He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord their God. He will go forth before the Lord, equipped with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will turn the hearts of fathers back to their children, and he will turn the disobedient to righteous patterns of thinking. He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? My wife and I are very old." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in God's presence. I was sent to speak to you and to bring this good news to you. Know this: What I have spoken will come true at the proper time. But because you didn't believe, you will remain silent, unable to speak until the day when these things happen."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered why he was in the sanctuary for such a long time. When he came out, he was unable to speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he gestured to them and couldn't speak.

When he completed the days of his priestly service, he returned home. Afterward, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. She kept to herself for five months, saying, "This is the Lord's doing. He has shown his favor to me by removing my disgrace among other people."

Response to Scripture

Liturgist: The words of Holy Scripture.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

LIVING THE WORD "Hope of a Savior to Bring Peace"

* HYMN 178 *Hope of the World*

JOYS & CONCERNS

*Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer*

OFFERING

Offertory Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
 by Rowland Prichard

*2095 *Star Child*

Street -Child, beat-Child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

*Prayer of Consecration

**Lord Jesus, as we await with great hope, the coming in fullness of
your reign upon the earth in peace, we rededicate ourselves and our
resources to your service. Bless these our gifts, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 431 *Let There be Peace on Earth*

*ANTICIPATING TOMORROW “Faith of a Young Mother”
 Luke 1:26-28

*BLESSING

*SUNG BENEDICTION ~ *You are invited to join hands and sing:*

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED to the Fellowship Hall following
the service for coffee and treats served by Jim Roth & Tana Isaacson.

IN MINISTRY TODAY:

Usher: David Mott Liturgist: Bethe Wiberg

Musician: Jan Erickson Tech: JJ Isenhardt

Choir Shirley Church Carol
Director: Anderson Secretary: Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

~4th Quarter Loose Change will go to “UMCOR”

December 10 – 2pm Emmaus Gathering
December 11 - 10am Women's Group
December 15 – 11:15 Book Club

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