

# *Kern Memorial United Methodist Church*

*The Reverend Donna M. Hester, Pastor*

*November 28, 2021 Online Service 10:00 am*

*First Sunday of Advent*

Welcome

Prelude

*Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel*

B. Brown/H.Smart/J. Montgomery/M. Rossback/P. Baloché

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Chorus

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Emmanuel Emmanuel  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Pre-Chorus

Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King  
God is with us even now His love is here  
(REPEAT)  
His love is here

Ending

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Greeting

What decision would change your life forever? Choosing this day to follow God is that decision. What is stopping you?

Hymn

*We Gather Together*

E. Kremser

(1) We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

(2) Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

(3) We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make me free!

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence

Freely we have received; freely we give, with gratitude and joy.

*Doxology*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

*Let All Things Now Living*

K. Davis

(1) Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who  
fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's  
banners are over us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows  
have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

(2) His law he enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine, the hills  
and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise; till all things  
now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest,  
hosanna and praise.

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 24:14-24 (CEB)

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**14** “So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. **15** But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord.”

**16** Then the people answered, “God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods!

**17** The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we’ve gone and in all the nations through which we’ve passed.

**18** The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

**19** Then Joshua said to the people, “You can’t serve the Lord, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He won’t forgive your rebellion and your sins. **20** If you leave the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn around and do you harm and finish you off, in spite of having done you good in the past.”

**21** Then the people said to Joshua, “No! The Lord is the one we will serve.”

**22** So Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.”

They said, “We are witnesses!”

**23** “So now put aside the foreign gods that are among you. Focus your hearts on the Lord, the God of Israel.”

**24** The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and will obey him.”

Message

“Choose”

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Prayer

Song

*Forever*

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

Verse 3  
From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Blessing

Postlude *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Rowland Prichard/R. Thygerson

Announcements Calendar

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

**8:30 am** Christian Formation Class (Zoom)  
**9:00 am** Praise and Worship Service (FLC)  
**10:00 am** Sunday School Classes  
**10:00 am** Online Worship Service (Facebook, YouTube)  
**11:00 am** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Monday, November 29, 2021**

**9:00 am** Monday Morning Maintenance (Narthex)  
**12:30 pm** Staff Meeting (Parlor)  
**5:30 pm** Yoga (FLC)  
**6:00 pm** Venture Crew (Room 3)  
**7:00 pm** Scout Troop 324 (FLC)

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

**9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 26, 28)

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**5:30 pm** Family and Fellowship (FLC) reservations needed before noon on Monday  
**6:15 pm** Children/Youth Play Practice (FH/Sanctuary)  
**7:00 pm** Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

**8:00 am** Prayer Partners (Parlor)  
**9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 26, 28)

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**2:00 pm** United Methodist Women Bake Sale (FLC)

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