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An Open and Affirming Congregation • A Peace with Justice Church  
November 29, 2020  
10:00 AM  
First Sunday of Advent

**GATHERING** Tom Corrigan and Beth Cole, Greeters

**PRELUDE** *Skating* by Vince Guaraldi Alaina DeBellevue, Musician

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Cathy Hazouri, Worship Leader

**MEDITATION** *I Wonder as I Wander*, trad. Appalachian folk song  
arr. by Jay Rouse

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come from a world of darkness; into Christ's world of light.  
We come from a world of weariness; into God's strength and hope.  
We come from a world of fear; into the Spirit of courage. We come  
to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ!

**SONG** *Watcher, Tell Us of the Night*, The New Century Hymnal #103,  
Performed by Song Leader Claire McCahan

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain

Come into our midst, O Holy One, Rider of the Clouds of Heaven,  
Surprising answer to heartfelt prayer. In whatever way you  
choose—Come. Shake us up. Help us find you at work in our lives.  
Showing the way to make all things new. In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

**SHARING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT** *O Come O Come Emmanuel* arr. Sally  
DeFord Performed by Claire McCahan

**READINGS** Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37 and *Anam Cara: A Book of  
Celtic Wisdom* by John O'Donohue

**SERMON** Awake Rev. Nicole

#### **COMMUNAL SILENCE**

**SONG** *Come and Find the Quiet Center, The Faith We  
Sing* Hymnal # 2128

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. Jackie

**WORLD PEACE PRAYER** Adapted from the Upanishads  
**Oh God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead  
us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to  
love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our  
universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** Cathy Hazouri

**OFFERTORY** *Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*, harmonized by  
J.S. Bach

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Loving God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your  
kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive  
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever and  
ever. Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*, The New  
Century Hymnal #122

#### **BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *God Be With You*, The New  
Century Hymnal #809

## Watcher, Tell Us of the Night

Isa. 21:11-12

John Bowring, 1825; alt.

1 Watch-er, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2 Watch-er, tell us of the night, high-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3 Watch-er, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav - eler, O a won-drous sight! See that glo-ry - beam-ing star!  
 Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.  
 Trav - eler, shad-ows take their flight, doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.

Watch-er, does its beau - teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?  
 Watch-er, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-er, you may go your way; has - ten to your qui - et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el!  
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth!  
 Trav-eler, I re - joice to-day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

*This hymn, a dialogue between watcher and traveler, was suggested by the dialogue in Isaiah 21:11-12. John Bowring was a gifted linguist, worker for political and social reform, member*

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.7.D.  
 Joseph Parry, 1879  
 Alternate tune: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

GRACE

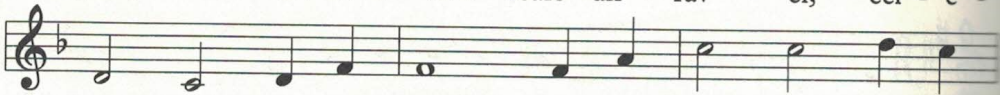
# 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the  
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brute the space we gain: There's a place for deep-est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

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MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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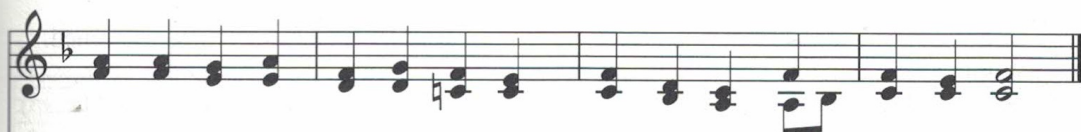
# Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

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Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.



1 Come, O long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set all peo-ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope to all the earth im - part;  
3 Born all peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, you came to reign!  
4 By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it, come to claim us as your own;



From our fears and sins re - lease us; grant us your true lib - er - ty.  
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, en - ter ev - ery long - ing heart.  
Born to rule on earth for - ev - er, come, be known to us a - gain.  
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, let us share your cross and crown.



Charles Wesley, the brother of John, was one of the students known as "Methodists" at Oxford University. He wrote hymns for every occasion. This is from his small collection Hymns for the Nativity.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.  
Melody attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)  
from Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715  
Alternate tune: IN BABILONE