

## **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND**  
**Love, Hope, a place to Belong**

***Pastor Bill Hoffman***

***November 25, 2018, Christ the King Sunday***

**UMH** (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing) **W&S** (Worship & Song)

(\*\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Liturgist: Margie Berg**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**P: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.**

L: We are that people.

**P: For a child has been born for us.**

L: Christ is that light.

**P: For God's own Son has been given to us.**

L: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**P: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

L: His authority shall grow continually,

**P: and there shall be endless peace through his glorious reign.**

L: Let all creation shout for joy.

**P: Let heaven and nature sing.**

**Time of Reflection**

**Joel Blair**

**\*\*Songs**

***How Great Are You, Lord / #204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel***

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Bill**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral 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.

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Scripture:**

**Isaiah 40:1-8**

**Hymn (UMH) #108**

***God Hath Spoken by the Prophets***

**Message**

***Today Is the Advent of Advent!***

**Pastor Bill Hoffman**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.**

**\*\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*\*Offertory Prayer**

Light of love, fill the world with the hope of your salvation. As we offer you our deepest gratitude for the birth of your Son, we bring you the gift of our very lives. Join our hearts to the joy of the angels and shepherds, as we send our offering out into the world, that others may share the joy of this holy night. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn (FWS) #117**

***O God Our Help in Ages Past***

**Prayer for Living Expectantly**

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

## PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Bill's** office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am to 12pm. To contact Pastor Bill call: cell (605) 840-1801, home (507) 356-4317, e-mail [revwilly3@gmail.com](mailto:revwilly3@gmail.com). Pastor Bill is at Betty Sue's Better Brew on Wednesdays at 9am.
- **Mission Box** for November is LOVE project. **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for November is canned soup and stew.
- **2019 Giving Envelopes** are located in the back of church; please remember to pick them up.
- **Rochester Male Chorus:** Join us on Sunday, December 9, at 4:30pm, for the annual performance of the **Christmas Concert** brought to us by the Rochester Male Chorus. The concert is at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester, and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and youth 18 and under.
- **Lunch Bunch** will be at the Hubble House on Sunday, December 2 at 11:30am.
- **Cluster Church Conference** is Sunday, December 2, at Homestead UMC (6301 Bandel Road NW, Suite 503 in the Bandel Heights Business Center in Rochester) starting at 2 pm. **Everyone is invited to attend.** There will be fellowship, worship, and celebration of local church ministry. Churches will break off into separate groups for the voting portion of the conference.
- **Backpack Program**  
This ministry provides weekend meals for children in need from the Pine Island School District. They pack on the 2nd Thursday of each month it starts at 7pm and only takes about 30 minutes. They deliver the food to the Pine Island Schools the following Friday by 10am.  
**Where:** Crosswinds Church Oronoco MN  
**When:** 2nd Thursday of each month 7pm takes about 30 minutes  
**Dates:** for 2019 Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, April 11, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
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