



First Worship

OLD SOUTH CHURCH - OPEN DOORS TO ALL

Call to Worship

One: Return, O Christ, to be among Your people.

Many: Return with peace, that it might heal our wounds.

One: Return with justice, that it might restore relationship.

Many: Return with power, that weak fear might be overcome.

One: Return with love, that our hearts might be one with You.

Many: Return, O Christ, to be among Your people.

Sharing Christ's Peace

Opening Hymn



“Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,



“Com - fort those who sit in shad - ow mourn - ing un - der sor - row’s load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver.”
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.

Welcome

Reading from Scripture

Reflection

Anthem

Prayers for the World & One Another

While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing, come;
With power and glo - ry, come; with power and glo - ry, come;

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains two lines of lyrics. The second staff contains one line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second staff.

Call to the Offering

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Come, come Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of a single staff with two lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Praying the Words of Jesus

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn



My__ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,
From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone,



and my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;



so from east to west shall your name be__ blest, could the world be a-bout to__ turn?
There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be__ fed, for the world is a-bout to__ turn.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring, Let the fires of your jus - tice burn,



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to__ turn.

Benediction