



Lexington Presbyterian Church
120 South Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450
www.lexpres.org
December 6, 2020
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

GATHERING HYMN 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord gives strength to his people;
The Lord blesses his people with peace.
I will lie down and sleep in peace,
For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Braddick Family

SUNG RESPONSE: Hymn 92, v. 1

While We Are Waiting, Come

***While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

TIME OF REFLECTION

Mary Ellena Ward

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace (responsive)

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you...

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-11

SUNG RESPONSE: Hymn 92, v. 3

While We Are Waiting, Come

***Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

Straight Paths

Rev. Tom Groome

HYMN 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn 90 during Communion

Wait for the Lord

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, be strong; take heart.***

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

HYMN 110

Love Has Come

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE: Hymn 94, v. 3

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

***Christ, eternal Sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt and need.***

***In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view:
child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.***

FELLOWSHIP/BREAKOUT ROOM

**Time with the Young People: A Scripture reading and lesson of Mark 1:1-8 will be made available on www.lexpreg.org*

Thank you to Mary Ellena Ward and the Braddick Family for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team – Kelly-Ann Rayle/Steve Hanes (moderators), Jan Hathorn (waiting room), and Doug Caldwell (cameras).

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Hymn 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Hymn 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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Hymn 110 Love Has Come

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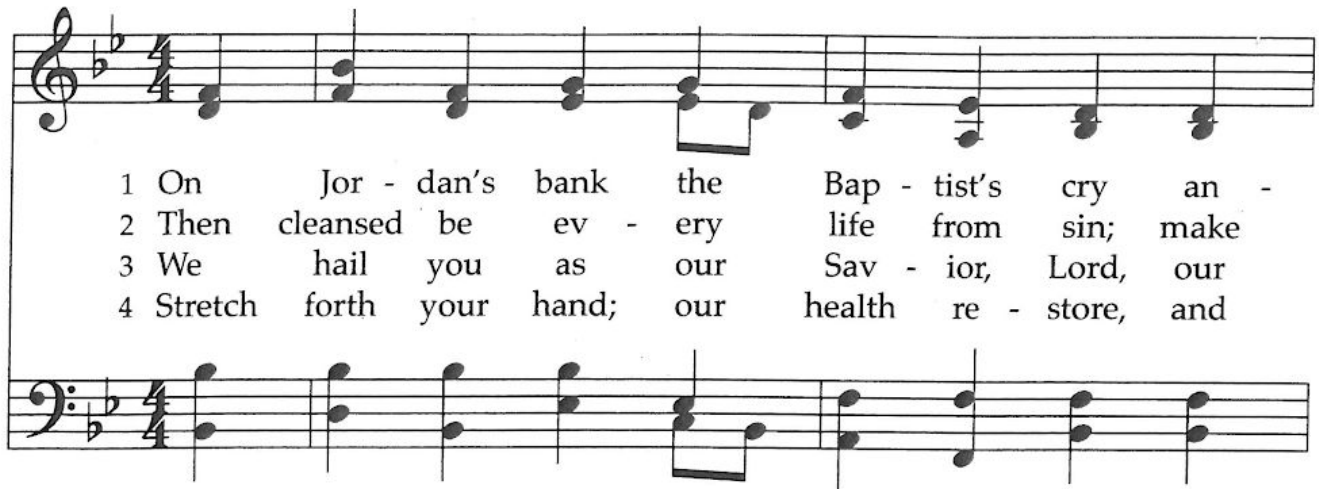
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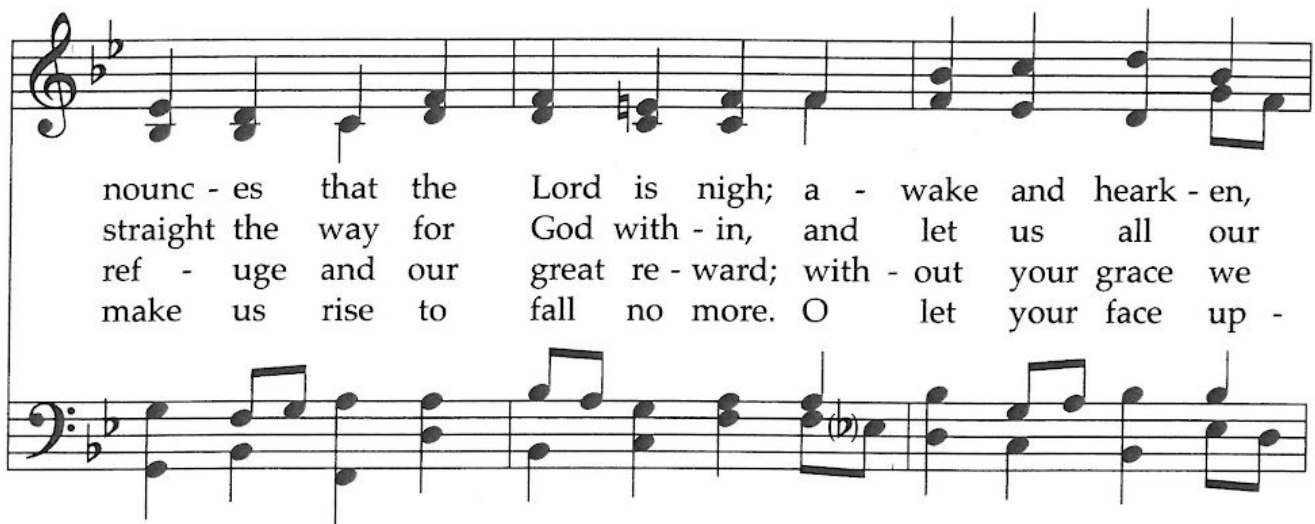
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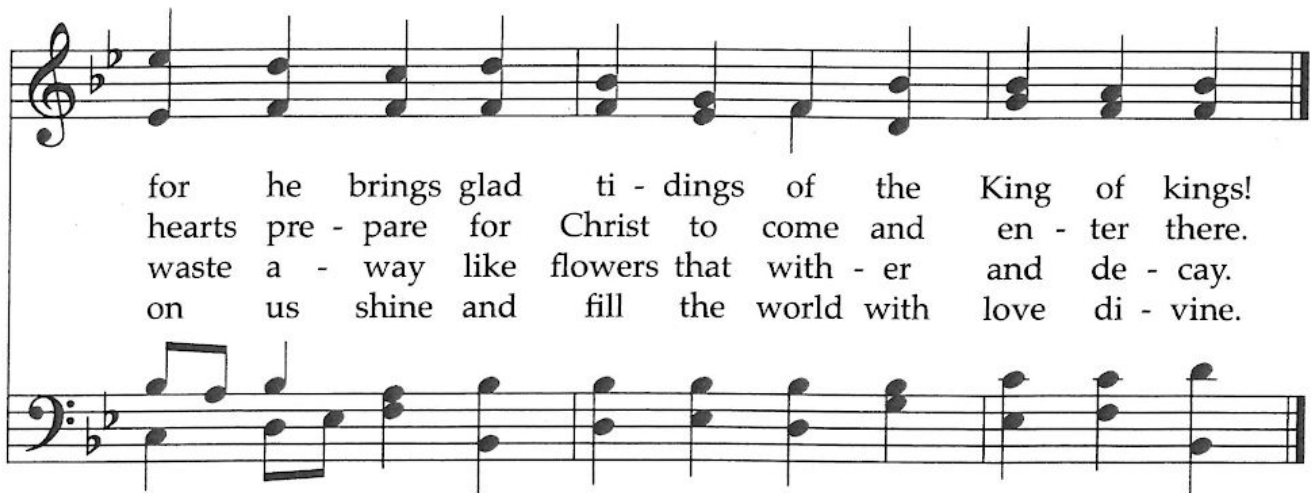
96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

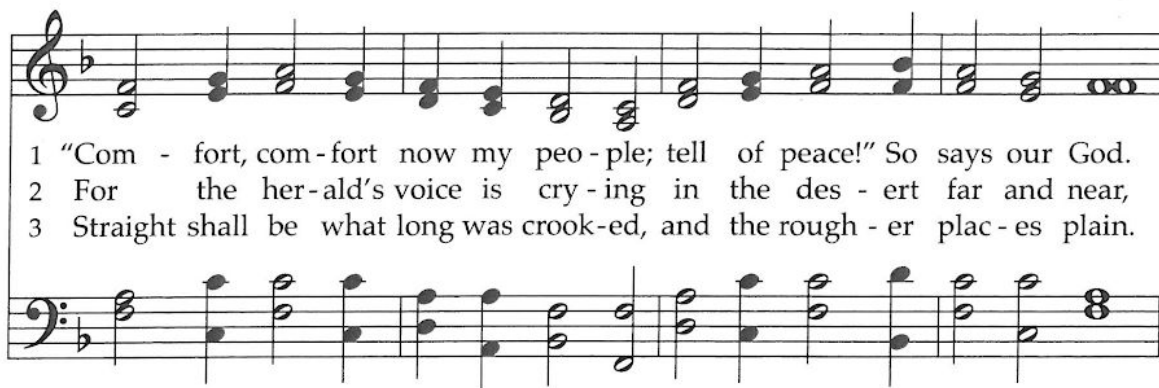


nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

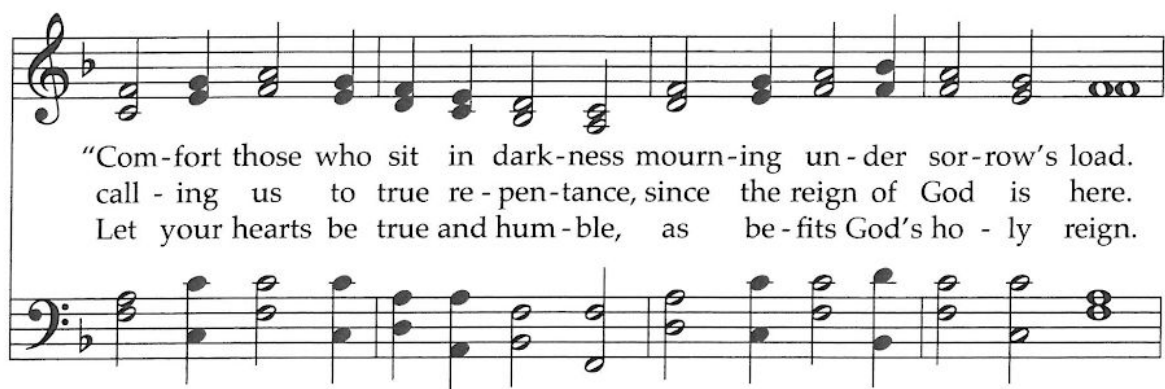


for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

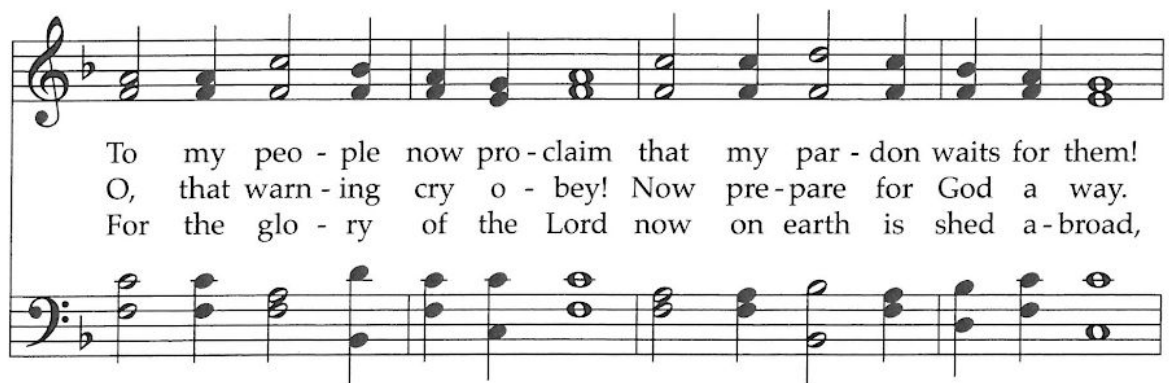
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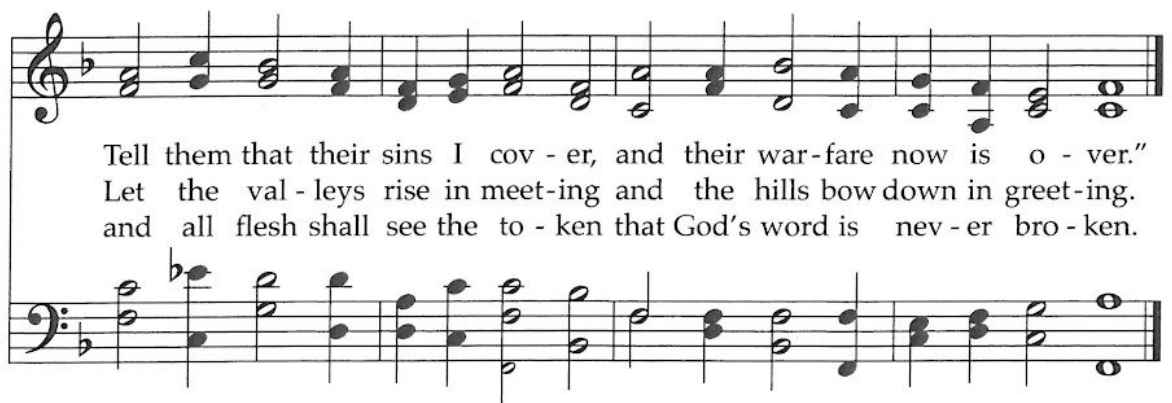
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



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.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



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.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Love Has Come

110

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm7)

(Em7)

(A)

F

Dm7

Gm7

C



1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D)

(Bm7)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

F

Dm7

Gm

C7

F



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A)

(D)

(Bm)

(D)

(A)

(G)

(D)

C

F

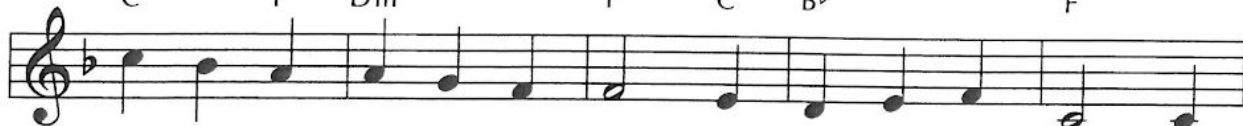
Dm

F

C

B^b

F



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7)

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Gm7

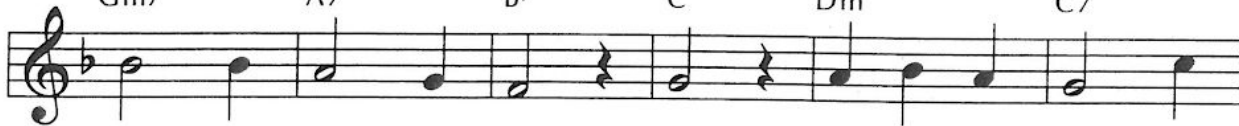
A7

B^b

C

Dm

C7



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D)

(A)

(G)

(A)

(D)

(A)

(A7)

(Dsus)

(D)

F

C

B^b

C

F

C

C7

Fsus

F



Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!