

Prayers of The People and The 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. deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Rejoice and Sing  
(Reprise)

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory      Instrumental selection from Hope!      Joel Raney

\*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\* Prayer of Dedication      Dr. Kling

\*Carol of Sending      Love Has Come      #110

\*Charge and Benediction      Dr. Kling

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us.  
Wherever we are!  
As God's people we all say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

\* Postlude      Instrumental selection from Hope!      Joel Raney

# Christmas Cantata December 15, 2024

## Hope!

A Gospel Christmas Celebration  
for SATB Choirs

Composed & Arranged by

### Joel Raney

Orchestrated by

### Ed Hogan

**Director: Erica Hand**

**Accompanist: Dr. Mary Crowell**

**Narrators: Karan Baker, Sharon Hand, and Cindy Whitt**

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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Prelude Instrumental selection from Hope! Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements Dr Karl Kling

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 35:1-10)

Isaiah promises that we find our home in God:

**We worship the Lord with songs of Christmas;**

We praise God for giving us a family that will last forever.

**The Christ Child gives us the gift of hope and joy.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Third Sunday of Advent**

**Brittany, Brad & Mila Mallette**

Carol of Praise Angels From The Realms of Glory #143

Advent Prayer of Praise and Adoration Unison

Our Gracious God, we come in Christ's name to praise you for your goodness and love. With shepherds, angels, and people everywhere, we give you our joyful worship during this Christmas Season. Amen.

\*Call to Confession Dr. Kling

The Apostle John wrote: I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, Jesus is our Advocate with the Father. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins to God.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

We try to follow you, but each day we make mistakes and fall short of your goodness. Sometimes we have plenty and still are not satisfied. Too often we focus on our own plans and fail to recognize new people and opportunities you bring into our lives. We are slow to serve others as you have served us. Please forgive us and help us to share your gifts in Christ's Name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, Jesus is our High Priest who has given us a new way of living. He is the Light of the World who shines God's forgiveness and love into our hearts. Hear and receive the gift. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* The Gloria Patri Unison

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all. Dr. Kling

All: And also with you.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

### *A Gospel Christmas Celebration*

#### ***Hope!***

Music by: Joel Raney

Director: Erica Hand

Accompanist: Dr. Mary Crowell

Narrators: Karen Baker, Sharon Hand, and Cindy Witt

#### ***Choir Members***

##### **Sopranos**

Emily Clem

Elijah Hand

Chris Hilgeman

Cindy Witt

##### **Altos**

Karan Baker

Sharon Hand

Randi Harbin

Christy Gray

##### **Tenor**

Larry Ugarte

##### **Bass**

Stanley Hand

Tom Hand

Chris Shindorff

David Whitten

Rejoice and Sing

Hope if the World, Emmanuel

Heavenly Peace

Worship the Newborn King

O Holy Night

Hope is Born