



**Boston University  
School of Theology  
Community Worship  
December 8, 2021 | 11:10AM**

Opening Worship Song

*"I Love You, Lord"*

*Sarah Harbaugh and Chloe  
McLaughlin*

Composed by Laurie Klein

*(Due to COVID protocols, only the musicians will sing and we invite you to hum along.)*

Welcome & Passing the Peace

*Elizabeth Foster*

Call to Worship & Wreath Lighting

*Haley Hansen  
(Please read the bolded text aloud)*

Let your light shine. Let your spirit soar. Throw open your mind. Hand over your heart. Here it comes – love. It shines in the darkness. It sings in the shadows. It will not cower and cannot be contained.

**It was the hope of the saints, the call of the prophets. It was the fire in the belly of the Baptist and the courage of Mother Mary. Lamp in the window, beacon on the hill, star in the night sky. Love, you lead us home.**

On this second week of Advent, we light a candle for love.

**We light a candle for love. May it light the way.**

(Adapted from Inclusive Gathering Birmingham.)



Scripture

John 1:14 (NRSV, KRV, and MSG)

*Sori Kang*

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Korean Version: “말씀이 육신이 되어 우리 가운데 거하시매 우리가 그 영광을 보니 아버지의 독생자의 영광이요 은혜와 진리가 충만하더라” 요한복음 1:14 KRV

The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son. Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

Sermon

*God Moved into the Neighborhood*

*Michelle Eastman*

Reflective Music

*“These Bodies”*  
Composed by The Many

*Chloe McLaughlin and Sarah Harbaugh*

Prayers of the People  
and Musical Meditation  
with Sarah Harbaugh

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*  
Holst, arr. Cook.

*Rev. Blair Stowe*

Anthem

*“Something Wonderful”*

*Seminary Singers*

How have we waited in darkness so long, searching the shadows, hope almost gone? How have we waited in darkness so long? Something wonderful is coming! Why do we carry on, seeking the light, peering so dimly into the night? Why do we carry on, seeking the light? Something wonderful is coming! How can you trust what you can't even see? How can you know? How can you believe? And will believing enough make it real? Will just hoping bring it to be? Hope is a star on a dark, moonless night; the deeper the darkness, the fiercer its light. Faintest of glimmers, yet vision most bright, something wonderful, something wonderful is coming! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Composer: Richard A. Williamson

Benediction

*Michelle Eastman*

\*Closing Hymn

*“Prepare The Way with Quietness”*  
(Sheet music provided on the next page)

*Nathan Peace*

Postlude

*Improvisation on Hyfrydol*

*Nathan Peace*



1. Pre - pare the way with qui - et - ness, a  
 2. Pre - pare the way with qui - et - ness, a  
 3. Pre - pare the way through hold - ing back while  
 4. Pre - pare the way with fer - vent love that  
 5. Pre - pare the way un - til we reach the

still - ness in the storm, that will not speak the  
 still - ness in the storm, that will not speak the  
 oth - ers grasp and strain for un - just wealth and  
 tears down walls of hate and re - con - structs a  
 dawn of that new day when all our paths con -

wound - ing words that cheap - en or de - form.  
 wound - ing words that cheap - en or de - form.  
 un - tamed power that add to hu - man pain.  
 kind - er world that jus - tice can cre - ate.  
 verge in Christ, and we have found our way.

Text: David Bjorlin, b.1984; © 2020, GIA Publications, Inc.

Music: LAND OF REST; American melody; harm. by Annabel M. Buchanan, 1888-1983, © 1938, ren. The H. W. Gray Company

### **Biography of Preacher:**

*Michelle Eastman is a third-year Master of Divinity student. Michelle's ministry has taken her from the California coast to the South Pacific Islands to the Massachusetts Bay. She is many things: a daughter, sister, friend, classmate. Michelle is excited about pursuing a vocation in storytelling and disability theology. However, she is a Gemini, so we will see. Michelle is thankful for this community and to have the opportunity to share with everyone today.*

**This is our final service of the semester. Please join us again next semester!**

### **Worship Team Members 2021-2022**

Worship Coordinator and Director of Seminary Singers: Rev. Chad William Kidd

Seminary Singers Assistants: Gabi Makuc, Jeongweon Lee, Dennis Slaughter

Worship Assistants: Elizabeth Foster, Bridget Kinahan, J.J. Warren

Today's lead coordinator is: Elizabeth Foster

Greeters: Megan Strouse and Claudia Alvarez

### **Announcements**

By your attendance at this worship, you consent to being photographed and filmed, and give permission to use your likeness in promotional and/or marketing materials.

Assistive Listening Devices are available, compliments of Marsh Chapel. They can be obtained by visiting the Marsh Chapel office in the lower level of the Chapel. If you need assistance, please speak with a Worship Assistant. Kindly return it at the end of the service.



Please recycle your bulletin.

Scan here for captioning  
during today's service:



School of Theology  
Community Worship

December 8, 2021 | 11:10AM

