

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Here we are Lord! Ready to Worship!

ALL: Filled with life and breath, citizens in the land of the living.

ONE: You know our paths, and the help we need.

ALL: We know you will help us keep our feet firm.

ONE: In this time of worship.

ALL: Equip us to be your upright followers, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Pilgrim Hymnal No. 132

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

We come into your house this morning praising your faithfulness, giving thanks for your mercy, seeking your joy. Thank you for creating us and giving us life and breath today. Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Savior and for the Holy Spirit whose presence here unites us as your people. Fill us with your peace today. Amen.

.Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 22:22-28 (NLT)

New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NLT)

*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, Amen.

Sermon

“Last Words”

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Pilgrim Hymnal No. 128

Pastoral Prayer

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. 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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*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.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Pilgrim Hymnal No. 116

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 22:22-28 (NLT)

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people. ²³ Praise the LORD, all you who fear him! Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob! Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help. ²⁵ I will praise you in the great assembly. I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you. ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied. All who seek the LORD will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy. ²⁷ The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. All the families of the nations will bow down before him. ²⁸ For royal power belongs to the LORD. He rules all the nations.

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NLT)

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: ² Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. ³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths. ⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON NOTES

Dearborn Congregational Church
Rev. William Kren, Pastor
December 30, 2018 – First Sunday After Christmas
Last Words

2 Samuel 23:1-15 (NLT)

23 These are the last words of David:

“David, the son of Jesse, speaks—

**David, the man who was raised up so high,
David, the man anointed by the God of Jacob,
David, the sweet psalmist of Israel.**

² **“The Spirit of the LORD speaks through me;
his words are upon my tongue.**

³ **The God of Israel spoke.**

The Rock of Israel said to me:

**‘The one who rules righteously,
who rules in the fear of God,
⁴ is like the light of morning at sunrise,
like a morning without clouds,
like the gleaming of the sun
on new grass after rain.’**

⁵ **“Is it not my family God has chosen?**

**Yes, he has made an everlasting covenant with me.
His agreement is arranged and guaranteed in every detail.
He will ensure my safety and success.**