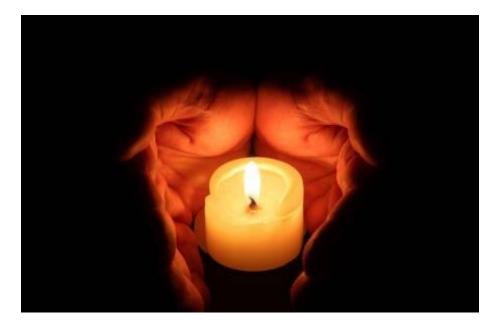
The Riverside Church in the City of New York



SERVICE OF HOPE & CONSOLATION DECEMBER 5, 2021 2:00PM CHRIST CHAPEL

BLESSING IN THE CHAOS

To all that is chaotic in you, let there come silence.

Let there be a calming of the clamoring, a stilling of the voices that have laid their claim on you, that have made their home in you, that go with you even to the holy places but will not let you rest, will not let you hear your life with wholeness or feel the grace that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you cease. Let what divides you cease. Let there come an end to what diminishes and demeans, and let depart all that keeps you in its cage.

> Let there be an opening into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos, where you find the peace you did not think possible and see what shimmers within the storm.

- Jan Richardson



Piano and Violin

Meditation from 'Thais'

Welcome

Jules Massenet

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

+Call To Worship from Psalm 27:1, 13-14

- One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

+Opening Prayer

+Hymn

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Isaiah 40:1, 25-31

Minister Derrick Jordan

Veni Emmanuel

+All who are able, please stand

Psalm 121

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Matthew 11:28-30

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel O come. O Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of all mankind. Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Lighting of Candles of Hope and Remembrance

You are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of a loved one, on acknowledgement of a loss, or in the hope of the light of Christ.

Music Violin meditation

Prayer for Healing

The God of strength moves within us: the God of courage hears our distress. The God of hope reveals wholeness to us; the God of healing touches us when we are broken. When the pain overwhelms us, when the burden is too heavy, we turn to our God, who sustains us and comforts us. When there is loneliness, when there is isolation, we turn to our God, who loves us tenderly and fiercely. For God created us, redeemed us and sustains us, and we are not alone. Lead us in your ways, O God, and bring us your healing touch.

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

Kristina Giles

Rev. Northern

Veni Emmanuel

Rev. Harper

Benediction

Postlude

Violin Meditation

Rev. Northern

Kristina Giles

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