

# Happening @ Hanover

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Today, December 27, 2020

Prelude:

Announcements

Call to Worship: In unison

**Light of the world, shine in our lives this day. As we gather to worship you this day, give us the eyes of Simeon and the faith of Anna, that we may see the promise of salvation. As we come before you with hope and expectation, give us the spirit of your Son, that we too may grow in strength and increase in wisdom. In your holy name we pray, Amen**

First Scripture Lesson: **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God!**

Call to Offering: In unison

**Gracious God, thank you for the gifts of Christmas that bless us throughout the year. As we offer you our offering in gratitude and praise, we dedicate our labor, our industry, and our very lives to the building of your kingdom. May our gifts go forth to a world in need as signs of your redemption and your hope. May we shine with your glory, that others may discover your saving love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen**

Offertory:

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson: **Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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Sermon: ***It's About Time!***

Sending Forth: In unison

**Go in peace, for we have seen the salvation of God. We go with joy, for Christ has clothed us**

**with love. Go in hope, for the Spirit shows us our glorious inheritance in the Lord. We go with God! Amen.**

**Postlude:**

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*We will be worshipping online only until further notice. To participate in the Zoom Devotion time, see details under the Fellowship tab on our website.*

**Organist:** David Hottel

**Pianist:** Yvonne Davis

**Praise Team:** Jacob DeAtley, Deano Crafton, and Jeff Croxton

### HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

Sun	27	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Devotions and Fellowship
		3:00	Yvonne Davis on Facebook
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group
Mon	28		Office closed
Tue	29		Office closed
Wed	30		Office closed
Thurs	31		New Year's Eve

### **Music of the Season**

Yvonne Davis will be playing music of the season at 3:00 today. We are so grateful for Yvonne and all of our musicians who have shared their talents to make this Advent and Christmas a bit brighter.

Thank you!

Pledge envelopes are available for pick-up at the back door entrance of the church. Please take your envelope and sign your name so that Grace Ireland, treasurer, knows that you picked it up. If you not pledged for 2021, please contact Grace as well.

