

THE HOPE

Part Four of “Can You Hear the Melody?”

Oh, the joyous melody of the Christmas carols ushering us toward the celebration of Christ’s birth. The songs hold the message and the memories of Christmas. The songs are alive with the melody of God an unstoppable melody of God’s intention to send a Savior and the love of God to make good on that promise. And through all the crescendos & decrescendos of history, God remained faithful to His promise.

But the melody of God’s work didn’t end in Bethlehem on Christmas morning. It didn’t end at the cross at Calvary; nor did it stop with the resurrection of Christ on Easter. You see, the melody continues generation after generation, the song pressing forward with God as the grand conductor. Just as God promised the first coming of our Savior, today we live under the promised hope of Christ’s second appearing. The love and power of God writes an irresistible melody that crescendos again at the glorious dawn of Christ’s return to earth.

In this hopeful event lies justice for the world and mercy for God’s people. In this final refrain of God’s melody is restoration for a groaning creation, justice over the brutal treatment of people, redemption for the forgotten, a home for the homeless immigrant, a shelter for the abused, a banquet for the hungry, a father for the orphan, and a righteous King to govern the world.

So, as we celebrate the promise and joy of Christ’s birth this Christmas, may we also look forward with hope to Christ’s second coming. May the melody of God over our world be the buoyancy of hope by which we too sing His song. May we persevere in hope this Christmas knowing that the faithful God that delivered on the first promise of sending a Savior, will again deliver on the promise of sending our glorious King. And for this we have enduring hope.

What a beautiful melody God has presented to His creation a melody of redemption, reconciliation, and restoration. Through the hustle of this season, the Christmas carols carry the melody of joy and hope for all people. May we never stop singing...

Can you hear the melody?

This reflection was written by Bill Kuhn, who is the V.P. of Student Development/Campus Chaplain at Crown College.



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, December 27, 2020 / Worship 10 AM

Invocation

Hymn # 114

The First Noel

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn # 113

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Hymn # 118

What Child Is This?

Prayer

Mike

Message

He Is Immanuel
Pastor Dave Havener

Hymn # 115

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Song

Christmas Offering

Benediction

Sermons are available online at:

<https://www.lakeviewwego.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewwego>

Events and Information

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our congregation safe by wearing a face mask as you enter/exit the church and during singing.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – 2021 offering envelopes are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

C&MA YEAR-END OFFERING – Today is the last day an offering will be received. Mark your gift "Year-End Offering" and place it in the Offering Box or give online at <https://www.cmalliance.org/yearend>.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS – Due to the New Year's holiday our Wednesday night programs have been cancelled for December 30 but will resume on January 6.

COUPLE CHECK-UP - LVC is offering a free Couple Check-Up for every married couple as well as engaged and dating couples. It's a tool to help you be intentional about strengthening your relationship. This is NOT only for struggling relationships, it's for every couple who is serious about having the best relationship they can have. The pastor will receive a group summary, an anonymous snapshot of couples in our church family, to use in addressing trends and general topics in our congregation. The Check-Up will be available to access ONLY from December 27 through January 27. The 'Instructions for Couples' insert in your bulletin includes instructions and the access code.

C&MA 40 DAYS OF PRAYER – Begins January 3, 2021 but you need to register now to receive daily devotional reflections with applications for all ages, livestream events and weekly virtual prayer gatherings. Sign-up at <https://www.cmalliance.org>. Please let Pastor Dave know if you are participating.

ANNUAL REPORTS – Please have annual reports in the church office by Sunday, January 10 to allow enough time to make copies available before the Annual Business Meeting.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – Our Annual Business Meeting will be held Sunday, January 24 at 11:15 AM. A take home lunch will be provided after the meeting.

TRAINING GROUND 2021 / VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

This one-day online training event will be held on Saturday, January 30. For pastors, ministry leaders and volunteers. Cost \$25 per person. For more information and to register go to: www.TrainingGroundNED.com. Registration scholarships are available upon request.

Small Group Ministry

Small Groups

Adult Group (Led by Steve & Kristie)

Meeting Friday evenings at 7 PM at Steve & Kristie's home. For more information, call the church office (607)-687-3261.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study (Led by Anne)

The Women's Bible Study group will resume their meetings Tuesday, January 12 at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study (Led by Mickey)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the first-floor classroom by the stairs. Studying 'The Daniel Prayer' by Anne Graham Lotz.

Prayer Group (Led by Art) Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the church office.

Wednesday Night Youth Programs (6:30-8 PM)

IMPACT (Teen Group 6th–12th grade)

This Weeks Calendar

No Church Activities

...they will call him
Immanuel,
which means 'God is with us.'
Matthew 1:23b