

# Bah Humbug

**1st in Series: "The Gifts of Christmas Past, Present and Future"**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

"No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

**Greeters:**

Jane Hartin  
John Chege, Teresia, Stephen & Naomi Kuria  
Lois & Ken Snyder  
Anita Bongartz

**Ushers:**

John Wolfe  
Hank & Sue Walker  
Eric & Deb Peterson  
Glenda Burross  
Gine Lancaster

**The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:**

Harry & Eileen Flick, in loving memory of our parents  
Jen Winter, to the glory of God, and in honor of the 145 pilot whales who recently died  
on a remote island in New Zealand.  
Barry & Johnny Wood, in honor of our daughter, Megan Lippert, on her promotion to Lieutenant Colonel,  
US Air Force Reserve on Dec. 1, 2018  
Walt & Bonnie Chamberlain, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary  
Joan Randall & Family, in honor of Dan Randall's 90th Birthday

The white rose is to announce the death of John Sourber

**Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Prelude

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Helen Emmitt & Ginny Lancaster

\* Opening Hymn #2

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate)

**Merciful Savior, in our rush to Christmas joy, we confess that, like our culture,  
we would prefer to skip Advent's invitation to stillness, reflection and preparation.  
Shiny wrappings and ornaments are more festive  
than looking at the ways we fall short of the call to be your people.  
Holiday parties and shopping conveniently blind us  
to the poverty of those who will celebrate your birth with neither tree nor gifts.  
Our busyness numbs us to the despair  
felt by many during this time of year.  
Lord Jesus, come into our hearts with mercies new this morning,  
grace sufficient for this day, forgiveness that cleanses us from our guilt and sin.  
We gratefully receive the Christ child again. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*During the Gloria Patri, we invite the K-3rd graders to walk back to the **Prayground** where they can listen to the Scripture and the sermon. We invite the 4th/5th graders to walk back and pick up a Sermon activity sheet and take it back to their seats. If a preschooler would like to join us in the **Prayground**, we ask that a parent accompany them.*

\* Gloria Patri 579

**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**

Scripture Luke 16:19-31

Message **“Bah Humbug”**  
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Hymn of Response #9 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

### **Responding to God’s Word**

Communion - Words of Institution Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

**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.**

Distribution of Elements

*It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread when served, representing your individual relationship with God. However, please hold the cup until all are served, so we may partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.  
Gluten, Egg and dairy free bread is located in the central dish of the serving tray.*

Presentation of Offering Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Offertory *“Of a Rose, a Lovely Rose”* J. Rutter

*Please sign and pass the “**Friendship Pad**” during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

\* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

\* Closing Hymn #8                      *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

\* Benediction and Advent Choral Response

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,**

**his name is called Emmanuel.**

**God with us, reveal'd in us,**

**his name is called Emmanuel.**

Postlude

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

**MUSIC:** HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR  
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST  
**A/V:** JONATHAN LEFEVER

\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

*Home Communion will be served today and during this week to approximately 35 members of the church family by members of our church working in teams of two. This ministry is under the direction of the Worship Council.*



"Marley's Ghost" - Illustration by Leech (1843)

**DID YOU KNOW.... A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens, 1843, was titled: **A Christmas Carol. In Prose. Being a Ghost Story of Christmas.**

Preceded by three other Christmas stories, this Dickens' novella was inspired following a visit to one of several establishments for London's street children. Published on 19<sup>th</sup> December, the first edition sold out by Christmas Eve! The original was illustrated by John Leech (see photo). Becoming instantly popular, by the end of 1844, thirteen editions had been released. In 1849, Dickens began public readings of the story which proved so successful he undertook 127 further performances until 1870, the year of his death. A Christmas Carol has never been out of print and has been translated into many languages.

**A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal**  
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