

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

By Pastor Kirk Kasson, Almena Congregational Church

And ye, beneath
life's crushing
load,
Whose forms are
bending low,
Who toil along the
climbing way
With painful steps
and slow,

Look now! For
glad and golden
hours

Come swiftly on
the wing:

O rest beside the
weary road,

And hear the an-
gels sing.

(It Came Upon the
Midnight Clear, v. 3,
Edmund H. Sears)

Christmas is to be a
time of celebration.
The angels said,
"Behold, I give you
glad tidings of great
joy, which are for
all the people." We
celebrate because
God loves us, be-
cause He sent His
son for us, because
through Him we can
be whole. The baby

came to bring peace to
Earth, and to conquer
sin in our lives.

And yet, for many,
the celebration is of-
tentimes lived out as
a duty, a task to be
checked off once a

year.


Beneath life's crush-
ing load our forms
bend low. Our steps
are slow and painful,
as we climb life's path
with our burden's on
our backs.

This Christmas,
Christ invites you to
rest beside the wea-
ry road. Lay your
burden's down for a
moment and rest.

The birth of Christ
is cause for great joy
for all the people.
Glad and golden
hours are coming
swiftly. Admist life's
struggles is a solu-
tion for the curse of
man. The seed of
woman has come to
crush the serpent's
head. And then the
curse shall be no
more.

This world is not
perfect. But it gets
better. Take time
to trust Christ this
Christmas. Read
your scripture. Pause
to pray. Sing from
the hymnal in the
church pew. Rest be-
side the weary road
and hear the angels
sing their good news
once more.

Sweet and Simple



This holiday season, won't you choose to concentrate most of your focus on the honored Guest? Gifts of smiles and laughter, time spent with family in reminiscent conversation, and fellowship with our friends and neighbors will be remembered more than a perfect house with over-the-top decorations. After all, only Christ was perfect. Why not let your sentiments echo those of Luke in Acts 14:17 "...He provides you with plenty...and fills your hearts with joy." Won't you worship God's Son this week in the humble spirit of His birthplace? Discover the joy of keeping it "sweet and simple".

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