

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 a.m. "United Methodist Student Day" November 29, 2020

** indicates "stand if you are able."*

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: You alone, O Lord are God.

All: **O come Emmanuel!**

One: You have done wonderful things for us.

All: **O come Emmanuel!**

One: We wait for you with hope.

All: **O Come Emmanuel!**

One: And together let us pray.

All: **O God, come to us in our need. Like a shepherd, you care for us. Like a potter, you shape our lives. Faithful God, come down to us as fire, and burn away the bonds that hold us back. Light our spirits with your eternal love. Shape us with your hands, that we may be vessels fit to receive your presence. O come Emmanuel! We place our trust in your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

*HYMN "Joy to the World" UMH # 246

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, your word is a lamp unto us. Help us to take time to see your love leading us to peace and hope through your words. Clear our spirits of the frustrations and anxieties of this season in this difficult time.

THE HEBREW READING Isaiah 64:1-9

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

1st speaker: Hear us, Loving God, as we light the second candle of Advent.

2nd speaker: Come, Holy One. We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender,

you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

3rd speaker: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain.

4th speaker: For those forced to leave homes and homelands; for all who dwell in daily insecurity; for all who are weary and without a safe place to rest their heads; for all families in migration, we pray.

All: **Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.**

SERMON "Restore Us O God" Rev. Jane Kim

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. (From UMH page 7)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to wait and be ready. But we are so easily distracted, busily doing other things. Give us wisdom, as we prepare for your coming. Forgive our foolishness and our impatience. Restore us by your grace. Look upon us with your favor, that we might know your presence. Shape us into vessels of blessing, for we are your children, longing to touch your Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is the potter who shapes our lives. God is the parent who loves us. We are the people of God – forgiven, loved, and freed

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Offering our gifts to God is a holy act. In this sacred moment, let us offer our gifts and our lives to the holy work of God.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Come, ye Thankful People, Come" George Elvey/Henry Alford/
CUMC Adult Choir arr. Don Chapman

Come, ye Thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;

Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even, so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Generous and loving God, you give us everything we need. Surrounded and supported by your love, there is nothing we lack. As we bring our offerings to you, may they support your work of peace and justice, and bring hope to the world. As we bring our very selves to you, shape us and send us forth to serve. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Eric Cortright Jazz Quartet

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Stay awake, for God is coming.

All: We prepare our heart, for God is near.

One: In the darkness, a candle of hope burns brightly.

All: In the quiet, God speaks to us.

One: Grace and peace to you all. Remain aware and awake.

All: We go with joy. Grace and peace to us all.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

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