

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10 a.m.

December 20, 2020

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

*Introit*

*"Advent Prayer"*

Dale Peterson / arr. Lloyd Larson

*CUMC Adult Choir*

As the Star shone brightly on that Christmas night,  
as the angels sang to all the earth; may the light of these Advent candles  
set our hearts aglow as we prepare for Jesus' birth.

Hope for those in despair, peace for those in conflict,  
joy for those who have no joy, and God's great love for all the world.

**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" (Verses 1, 2, 4)* UMH #211

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

**One:** God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest.

**All: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

**One:** God has done great things for us in times past.

God will do great things for us in days to come.

**All: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

**One:** Christ's mercy is upon us, offering hope in times of despair.

**All: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

**One:** The Spirit's power strengthens our mercy and compassion.

**All: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

**One:** May we go forth to nourish a world in need.

**All: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

**One:** And together let us pray.

**All: Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here. As we follow in  
Mary's footsteps, open our hearts, that we might be filled with your goodness  
and your love. Live in us, that we might bear the Christ light for all to see.  
Overshadow us with your presence, that we might truly be blessed and offer your  
blessings of love to the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** *"Children's Message"*

**\*CAROL** *"Angels We Have Heard on High" (Verses 1,2,3)* UMH#238

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God.  
Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**THE EPISTLE READING** Romans 16:25-27

**THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55

**One:** The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION**

*1st speaker:* O God, we light the fourth candle of Advent. We hear your messenger  
and witness Mary's faith. Fill us with your grace.

*2nd speaker:* Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not  
easy, she heard God's voice and said, "Yes." Her song was a prayer that  
would lift up those who were downtrodden.

*3rd speaker:* Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She bore  
within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World.

*4th speaker:* Come, Mighty God, breaker of chains and renewer of life! Open our eyes  
to your presence in all the earth. Stir us to proclaim gladly the signs of  
your love: the liberation of those oppressed, the healing of those frail and  
broken, springs of water in all the parched places, and Jesus Christ risen  
and alive.

**All: Revealing God, visit us and fill us with your Spirit. Bring your good  
news to life within us. Give us courage to carry your light into the  
injustices and shadows of this world. Amen.**

**\*CAROL** *"Mary Did You Know"* Insert

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verses 1,2,3)* UMH#234

**SERMON** *"Magnify Christ the Lord!"* Rev. Jane Kim

**\*HYMN** *"Amazing Grace"* UMH 378

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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 *“Look Who Just Checked In”* Words & Music by Stephen Hill  
CUMC Children/Adult Choirs & Daryl Williams  
arr. Mike Speck and Cliff Duren

O little town of Bethlehem still we see thee lie.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

(Refrain)

Look who just checked in, into the barn, into the world,  
into the hearts of the boys and girls.  
Never been a baby quite like Him; Look who just checked in.

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

(Refrain)

O little town of Bethlehem. (Look who just checked in.)  
The shepherds and the wise men. (Look who just checked in.)  
Go tell it on the mountain. Jesus just checked in!

(Refrain)

He’s the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings;  
The Lord of the universe and every living thing.  
Son of God since time began. Now He’s come to Bethlehem, Bethlehem!

(Refrain)

O little town of Bethlehem, look who just checked in!  
Check out who just checked in.

\*DOXOLOGY *“Awesome God”* TFWS# 2040

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely, we are blessed. We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. With joy, we pray in gratitude and praise in your holy name. Amen.**

\*CAROL *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”* UMH#240

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: May God strengthen you according to the gospel.  
**All: May the proclamation of Jesus Christ dwell in our hearts and in our lives.**  
One: And may the power of the Holy Spirit be with your now and forevermore.  
**All: Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

***PLEASE JOIN CUMC ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.***

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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