

“ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 a.m. *United Methodist Student Day* November 28, 2021

** indicates “stand if you are able.” UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWs is the small black book.*

INTROIT *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* UMH #211

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

*HYMN *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* UMH #196

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Our promised salvation is at hand.

All: A righteous branch has sprung forth, bringing hope to our world.

One: Our eyes have beheld the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

All: A Son has been given to us, bringing justice and virtue to our land.

One: Our hearts have felt the stirrings of God’s Presence.

All: The Spirit of the truth is here to heal us, teaching transgressors God’s ways

One: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

And together let us pray.

All: Righteous One, your glory shines brighter than the sun. We remember your compassion and your faithful love, as we come to worship this day. Lift up our souls to meet the challenges we face, as we seek to bear the fruit of your salvation. May your righteous branch grow within our hearts that our lives may abound in mercy and steadfast love. And may we be found ready and waiting when the one drawing near comes with power and glory to bring us to you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“This Is My Wish”* *Tim & Angela Lauer*
Tyler Stankiewicz – Vocal Soloist

This is my wish my wish for the world;

That peace would find its way to every boy and girl.

This is the time, the time for harmony.

Let love be the song that everybody sings.

(Refrain)

Fill the air with joyful noise;

ring the bells and raise your voice.

Let there be peace on earth. Lift your light, let it shine.

Let there be peace on earth.

I hear the sweetest sound; the sound of hope to come.

Together we can bring goodwill to everyone.

Let it start with you, let it start with me.

Let every nation rise to sing the melody!

(Refrain)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *“Children’s Message”*

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 HEBREW READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

THE PSALM READING Psalm 25:1-10

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Waiting”* Rev. Jane Kim

VOCAL SOLO *“A Seasonal Thanksgiving”* by Eric H. Thiman

For swelling buds which herald spring: For each awakened living thing:
For all the joys the seasons bring, Our heart-felt thanks, O Lord.

For summer blaze of golden light: for flowers and trees divinely bright:
For cool and fragrant airs of night, Our heart-felt thanks, O Lord.

For mellow tints of autumn days: For fruits which line the bridle ways:
For hill which shimmer in the haze, Our heart-felt thanks, O Lord.

For winter’s keen and bracing wind: For memories which heal the mind:
For gifts bestowed on all mankind, Praise be to Thee, O Lord,

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

Almighty God, your promises of old strengthen us during these dark times. We yearn to learn to read the signs of your coming: in the sun, moon, and stars; in the roaring of the seas and the waves; and in the tumult of our world. Yet, we have seen it all before and nothing seems to change. We long to live with courage in an age where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Grant us the wisdom that comes from waiting, and teach us the patience that leads to godliness as our savior draws near. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship a God of mercy, who abounds in steadfast love. The one who is God’s righteous branch draws near to save us from our weakness, and to seal us in God’s love.

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

*“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.

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #94

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

How can we thank you enough, Blessed One, for all you have given us. May we increase and enrich in love, even as you increase and enrich the gifts we bring before you this day. Send them forth into your world, as signs of the bounty of Christ coming into the world. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* UMH #694

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: May your love for one another abound, just as Christ’s love abounds for you.

All: Go with God’s love in your hearts and with the Spirit’s fierce tenderness in your breast.

One: We go with God.

All: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God’s love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

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